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Opinions vary regarding how security-conscious you wish to be in this idyllic spot. You may get a room key from the Front Desk.

Please Note: Both roommates have to report to pick up keys, and a lost key costs \$25 to replace. All rooms can be bolted from the inside.

Bookstore (x. 2759)

Under the fire escape at the rear of the Annex is a green door, and through that green door lies our local lair for bibliophiles, the Bread Loaf Bookstore, once again under the management of the Front Desk. It's more than just a bookstore, actually; it contains not only course books, but also of all sorts of other items. The store will be open from 9 to 4 today and tomorrow, resuming normal hours starting Thursday. Heather requests that you limit your purchases this week to required texts for courses you are taking for credit, thereby giving all enrolled students a chance to equip themselves properly.

Davison Library (x. 2739/2740)

Judy Watts, Chris Brady, Michelle Lee, Jonathan Blake, Allison Lobron and Pete Collins will keep the library humming (inaudibly, of course) this summer. Davison offers a wide variety of studying environments; sometimes you may want to pamper yourself with a cozy wing chair pulled up to the fire, while imminent paper deadlines may demand one of the no-nonsense wooden desks in the first-floor work room. Davison also possesses an extensive video library and a small viewing room. The library is open from 8 AM to midnight daily, with assistance provided from 8:30 AM to 10 PM.

Apple Cellar (Computer Center (x. 2741))

Caroline Eisner returns this summer as Official Techno-Guru, aided by a gaggle of student assistants. From their base in the basement of the Library, they are ready to assist with projects, problems, and phobias regarding the Macintosh and PC machines available there. Laser printing is also available, at a paltry but mandatory nickel a page. Normal operating hours begin tomorrow. To the technologically uninitiated, fear not: Caroline and crew will offer training on BreadNet, our very own telecommunications network, and in other areas throughout the summer. Watch the *Crumb* for details.

Physician, Heal Myself

Nurses and nurse practitioners Yvette Feig, NP; Sandy Brutkowski, RN; and Rebecca Hill, NP will be on duty in the Cornwall Clinic (the smallest yellow building across Rte. 125 from the Inn) to handle routine medical situations from 8-1 M-F. In an extreme emergency, call 911 (no need to dial 9), then alert the Front Desk (2700) or, if after 11 pm, call extension 2713 or notify Jim Maddox at 9-388-7703. You can get ice from the kitchen. The nearest hospital is Porter, in Middlebury: 388-4701.

Phoning It In (Or Out)

Remember to please take messages unto others as you would have them take yours unto you. When you hear a phone ring, you have to move, because it'll kick back to the Front Desk after four.

To reach campus extensions, dial the 4-digit number listed in the directory. To make a local call, dial 9 and the seven-digit number. The Front Desk's extension is 2700; dialing 0 will direct you to the main switchboard of Middlebury College. To make a calling card call, dial 9-1-800 and the number of your carrier (please wait for the dial tone after the 9—otherwise, you may be calling 911 for emergency assistance by mistake); common numbers are posted by the phones. For other kinds of phone calls, contact the Front Desk (dial 2700).

The switchboard hours are kept religiously; please encourage loved ones to call you before 11 PM. Cell-phones for room use only, but it's the rare unit that works here!

A Lesson Before Dining

It would ill become a location called Bread Loaf to provide anything but splendid service, fine foodstuffs, and a bevy of beverages. Luckily, Bread Loaf has a crack staff of student waiters and waitresses, all of whom will provide the food for your thoughts. The operative word in the title "student waiter," however, is "student"; bear in mind that because the waitstaff must rush off to class just as you must, you will earn their affection by arriving promptly, or incur their thinly veiled wrath by unduly dallying over just one more cup of coffee.

Meal hours are listed on the back of this issue; please note that weekend meals are self-service. Meal tickets for guests, or students not on the meal plan, must be obtained at the Front Desk; inquire there for this year's costs.

Snack Bar(n)

Of course, one need not partake of the Dining Hall's culinary offerings; for those not on the meal plan, or whose palates tend elsewhere, or (mostly) who spend their breakfast hours still in deep REM sleep, the Barn features a snack bar offering quick fare at reasonable prices. Old Piney will smile on those environmentally conscious souls who provide their own mug, thus reducing paper and styrofoam waste. The vending machines will dispense their contents at any hour of the day, but the Bar will be open from 8 AM until 8 PM. (Special hours until July 1 are 8-3).

Little and Almost Adult Loafers

Croutons is Bread Loaf's day camp for the under ten crew, as well as one of the more creative extensions of the rampant dough-based metaphors in this vicinity. Once again, the Mary Johnson Children's Center offers an excellent program at the Ripton Elementary School on Lincoln Road. **The Mountain Theater Co.** is Mary Johnson and Bread Loaf's new dramatic arts and recreation daycamp for the 10-15ish kids. It will be located at the Middlebury Middle School, downtown. If you're living on the mountain, and need to carpool to the Middle School, contact Maggie the *Crumb* through the Front Desk. If you need information or already know that you'd like your child to attend, call the Center at 388-2833 to make arrangements.

Imperil-lelled Parking

By state law and local tradition, there is no parking allowed on Rte 125. Think of it as a giant loading zone. Also, there is no parking or driving for any reason on the grass. Only residents of Brandy Brook and Gilmore may park in front of their residences. For the rest of you, there is, you will notice, a large parking lot near the Barn; this is the only permissible location for your vehicle. Please note that here IS a way to fit all the cars in there...see the signs on the red barriers. Be warned, also, that police car sightings in Ripton have increased dramatically as the summer session draws nearer. Just another reason to take those hairpins slowly.

All Cheer Ajax's Arm and Hammer

Laundry facilities are located in the small white building between Larch and the Barn. Machines are coin-operated; the Front Desk keeps an ample supply of quarters on hand. Be aware that the machines are, well, temperamental; you may want to do some advance scouting of prospective dryers (feeling the tops to see just how warm that machine gets when it gets going) to see which live up to their name and which will gladly accept your quarters but will effect no discernible change upon your garments in return.

No Smoke, No Fire

State law prohibits cigarette smoking in *all* public buildings, both here on campus and elsewhere in the Green Mountain State. If you do smoke despite these regulations, please exterminate all smoking material in the ash cans provided around campus for that purpose. Also, please do not smoke on the front porch of the Inn, as the smoke blows back into the building. This is true for other porches, too.

The campus is well-equipped with smoke detectors that can be triggered by cigarette smoke; if your room alarm goes off, air out the room and fan the smoke away from the alarm. Chirping, buzzing, or twittering smoke detectors are pleading for a new battery, which the Front Desk will be happy to provide. Chirping, buzzing, or twittering animals are perfectly normal for rural Vermont, and under no circumstances should attempts be made to equip *them* with new batteries.

Finally, to take you back to college days, a reminder that even the smallest appliances – hot plates, microwaves, coffee makers – are expressly prohibited on the Mountain, what with their draining the power supply and increasing the risk of fire. Such contraband items can, and will, be seamlessly re-introduced into the local economy at Trader Jim's Annual Yard Sale.

Rock, Paper, Scissors: Which One is Recyclable?

Perhaps the natural splendor of this setting makes it easier to understand Vermont's commitment to recycling, which is mandatory statewide. Accordingly, please do your part and deposit paper and glass in the appropriate bins, which lurk in just about every corner of the campus. Using travel mugs instead of disposable cups and turning off lights after leaving your room or a classroom will also assist this environmental initiative greatly. Dead batteries may be deposited in the box at the Front Desk, where they will receive a proper disposal and possibly some words of remembrance and tribute.

Exercising Caution

Walking, jogging, or biking along Route 125 can be both quite scenic and quite dangerous, given the near-nonexistent shoulders and constant sidwinding of the road, not to mention the presence of wildlife in the vicinity. Remember to stay on the left side if on foot and on the right, moving with traffic, if you are also on a wheeled mode of transportation. Bikes (motor or pedaled) should be locked at all times (except when being ridden, of course) and are not allowed to clutter up fire escapes, dorm hallways, or porches.

The Sporting Scene

While noted for its collective intellectual prowess, the Bread Loaf community's athletic interests invariably give rise to all number of organized (and yet informal) sports. Ultimate frisbee, softball, volleyball, and soccer have drawn regular crowds in recent years, the Wimble-Loaf tennis tournament and Charlie Orr Fun Run are late-summer staples, and you are welcome to instigate any other sporting adventures you desire. Golf, anyone? Should you desire to spearhead the organization of any of these activities, simply drop a note to the *Crumb*. The Front Desk staff will gladly lend you what sporting goods they have in their possession (soccer, basketball, tennis, volleyball, rugby). Middlebury College boasts splendid athletic facilities including a state-of-the-art swimming complex (that's a building, not a psychological condition), an extensive fitness center, and a golf course. Entrance to the first two requires only your student I.D.; those interested in golfing should know that the fee for a summer's playing privileges is a terrific bargain.

Porch Patrol

There is simply no better place to park one's soul on a warm summer evening than on your porch, or someone else's. Please respect the furniture on other house's porches, and be sure to retire to the Barn (if you wish to keep on keepin' on) by 11 PM. The Barn has the benefit of a piano and a fireplace!

The *Crumb* : Your Daily Companion

Did you know that the etymology of the word "companion" is, "someone with whom you break bread?" What better sentiment for a newsletter which serves a special community called Bread Loaf? While somewhat more verbose than the usual daily issue because of the customary opening-day miscellany, this *Crumb* is but the first in a summer-long parade of issues trumpeting coming events, past accomplishments, announcements of any and every kind, silly morsels, weather reports, daily menus, quizzes and contests, Top 10 lists, headlines punning poorly on things literary...in short, a compendium of the day's news at the Loaf, available to you each and every weekday at lunch, in the Library, and at the Front Desk. The *CyberCrumb*, an electronic version of this publication, is posted each morning in the CyberBarn and thereby rendered accessible to our fellow scholars in Alaska, England, and New Mexico, as well as to our legions of alumni eager to receive the latest news from the mountaintop.

Crumb Editor Maggie Favretti welcomes community input, so if you have an announcement, idea, observation, or anything you'd like to share, drop your submission at the Front Desk or email Maggie by 10:00 AM for inclusion in the next day's issue. Late-breaking stories will be included if received by 8 AM the day they need to appear.

Director's Assistants Do It All

New Director's Assistants Jonathan Freeman, Donna Kinney and Rob Brodeur are your social directors, techno-experts, and all around good guys. The Front Desk does just about everything; the Director's Assistants do the rest.

Speaking of Seniors

Director Jim Maddox invites all seniors to Earthworm Manor (actually its name!) just west on Rte. 125, for a reception beneath the trees at 5 pm on Wednesday.





Bread Loaf Hours, 2002

Meals

Sunday night-Friday lunch
(served by student-waiters)

Dinner: 6 PM

Lunch: 12:45 PM

Breakfast: 7:30 AM

Friday night-Sunday lunch
(self-service cafeteria)

Dinner 6-6:45 PM

Lunch 12:30-1:15 PM

Breakfast: 8-9 AM

Snack Bar (x 2743) Daily, until July 1
Daily, after July 1

8 AM-3 PM

8 AM-8 PM

Front Desk (x 2700) Monday-Saturday
Sunday

8 AM-8 PM

9 AM-8 PM

Switchboard Monday-Saturday
Sunday

8 AM-11 PM

9 AM-11 PM

Bread Loaf Bookstore
(x 2759) Mon, Wed, Fri
Tues., Thur.
Tuesday only

8:30-11:30 AM

10 AM-12:30 PM

3-5 PM

Davison Library
(x 2739) Daily

8 AM-midnight

8:30-10 with services

Computer Center
(a.k.a. "Apple Cellar")
(x 2741) Monday through Friday
Saturday
Sunday

8:30 AM-midnight

9 AM-9 PM

9 AM-midnight

closed for mealtimes

Bread Loaf Office
(x 2729) Monday through Friday

8 AM-12:45 PM

2-4 PM

Cornwall Clinic Monday through Friday
(x 2714)

8 AM-1 PM

Parton Health Center Monday through Friday
(x 5135) After July 1

8:30 AM-4:30 PM

Fitness Center Monday through Friday
(x 5840) Saturday and Sunday

6-8 AM, 12-8:45 PM

10 AM-4:45 PM

Natatorium Monday through Friday
(x 5246) Saturday and Sunday

6-9 AM and 12-8:45 PM

10 AM-5 PM

EMERGENCY (911) Ambulance 9-388-3333
Fire 9-388-4306
Police 9-388-4919

The Crumb

Summer Reading that Students Actually Read - Since 1920

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Wednesday, June 26, 2002

Today's Tidbits

On June 26th, 1945, the U.N. Charter was signed. On this day in 1948, the Berlin Airlift set off...okay, so what'd you expect from a history teacher writin' yer Crumb? Oh, and it's Pearl Buck's birthday. Yay.

Today's Events:

Senior Reception:
5:00, Earthworm
Volleyball:
After dinner, field
Theater Auditions:
7:30, Theater

Dinner Menu

Roast Turkey Breast
Butternut Squash,
Mashed Potatoes,
Peas and Pearl
Onions, Blueberry
Pie and Ice Cream

Weather Report



Hot and humid,
chance of strong
storms later in the
day. Close the
windows over your
pillow!

Remembering Our Friend Chase

A message from Jim Maddox:

Chase Byron, the friend of many Bread Loaf students, died this past Saturday, June 22. Chase fought what many of us know to have been a truly heroic fight against the effects of a series of brain tumors; he attended Bread Loaf even during periods when he was subject to violent seizures. During those hard times, many people at Bread Loaf assisted Chase in various ways, and many formed deep friendships with him. Chase's father Tom, an extremely loving man, who came to live with and assist Chase during some of his time in Vermont, himself died of cancer last summer. Chase was a graduate of Middlebury College. He attended Bread Loaf in 1993 (while he was still a Middlebury undergraduate), 1996, 1998, and 1999. Chase's mother Lee Byron can be reached at 129 Edmondson Avenue, Sarasota FL 34242. She has told me that some form of memorial fund will be established in Chase's memory at a later date. I will pass along news about this fund to the Bread Loaf community as soon as I receive it.

Take a moment or two to share with Chase or to reflect before reading on for the usual Crumb frolic...

Seniors Wiggle Westward on Wednesday

Seniors and Faculty (incl. Actors, of course) are invited by the Director to join him at Earthworm Manor for refreshments on Wednesday at 5 PM. Counseling will be available for those seniors who find the fact that "this is your last summer" beginning to sink in. Believe it or not, planning for commencement will begin on Friday!...check the Crumb for details.

Earthworm's for New Students and Staff on Thursday

New Students and Staff are invited to Earthworm Manor (walk west on 125) to schmooze with the Director and Bread Loaf Staff on Thursday at 5 PM. Faculty, unlike the hapless worm, are off the hook for this one, but will hopefully find other opportunities to meet the new folks.

Much Ado About Auditions Already!

Auditions for two roles in this summer's Big Play, Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing*, will begin at 7:30 PM tonight in the Theater. There are roles for two women and eight men...no experience necessary.

New Head Waiters Take the Helm

Trixie Sabundayo and Gary Montano are ably and amiably taking charge of our willing waitstaff. If you might be able to give a waiter a break by subbing for a meal or two, please sign up with Gary or Trixie...no experience necessary, and you will be paid. Also, please remember that your waiters have to get to class, too, so eat as efficiently as possible.

For Foreign Film Aficionados

A listing of the films showing at the downtown campus (where the foreign language schools convene for the summer) will be posted outside the Bread Loaf office each week. The one catch is that no students downtown are allowed to speak or listen to English, so you'll have to keep your conversation to a whisper. If you need a ride down, or can offer one, please post a sign-up sheet outside the Dining Hall. Many thanks.

Francis and Friends Square Up

Francis Cram and his down-home band will be on hand in Barn-land & treat us all to a Square Dancing Extravaganza on Saturday night at 9. No experience is necessary, although a special workshop entitled "The Subtextual Semiotics of Square Dancing: Discerning Right from Left after Deconstructing the Center" will be offered prior to the event.

Bump and Dive

Not to be outdone by disc-hurling hordes, the volleyball contingent meets every evening after dinner. The net is set up out on the field, the level of play ranges from jungle-ball to competitive, and the sunsets are spectacular.

Tick Attack Toe?

Sandy Brutkowski (RN), Yvette Feig (NP), and Rebecca Hill (NP) would like you to know that deer ticks, some of which carry Lyme disease, have entered Vermont. They encourage wearing long pants and socks when hiking or walking in tall grass or the woods, and would like to remind you that a tick-check can be a very pleasurable intimate activity. And another thing...your mother was right: don't scratch those insect bites!

Carry a Big Stick Softly

Sunday afternoon at 2 is a good time to catch some z's in the outfield, unless Leo's hitting, in which case you'd better look sharp. If we could come up with a regular group, we could revive the ancient tradition of challenging the Riptonites to a game. Robert Frost once chased Chester Scott, Ripton-dweller and friend of the Loaf, into the woods, after the unfortunate young Chester caught Frost's flyball.

Ripton Flycatchers

If you fly through Ripton, you may just find yourself caught (though not by Chester). Keep the pedal off the metal and follow all the rules, as local police tend to be very active at this time of year.

Once a Pond at Times

Once there was a Pond, Johnson Pond by name, lavishly enjoyed by those who looked forward to a chill thrill. Two summers ago, Mother Nature took it back. Unless you are a hippopotamus looking for a mudbath, or a benefactor looking to donate the enormous sums of money it will take just to prepare for the wetlands permit process, it is best to avoid the erstwhile pond altogether. Last summer's promise to restore Johnson Pond to her former grandeur ("or dig it myself," said McCardell...there were witnesses!) disappeared when the state came back with the pricetag for the job. Oh, well, there's always Lake Pleiad, right?

More Promises

The first afternoon van run is on Friday. That's right, no afternoon van to Middlebury today or Thursday. Sign up at the Front Desk.

Top Ten Reasons People Come to Bread Loaf (you may wonder)

10. You come for the literature; you stay for the Crumb.
9. You get to eat breakfast with someone whose first name is Trixie.
8. You finally get to meet Elaine Lathrop.
7. You get to donate blood to the local insect population.
6. You came to see the bigger, better Johnson.
5. You're running a betting pool on the colors of Kai.
4. Wimbledoaf might be the best you can do.
3. You came to Vermont early to avoid ski lift lines.
2. The Meat Loaf School of Mathematics was all full up.
1. One word: Ellen.

Quotiddly Think

Sometimes a Quotation is just too easy to find, so this summer look for a wider variety of ways to test your worldly wisdom. This friendly competition goes on all summer, with special prestige going to the person or persons with the most right answers by the end. Look for daily questions, answers, and winners.

Today's Question: Who WAS that man in the picture in yesterday's edition? Have fun! If you can't find out, GUESS! Internal mail: The Crumb, or Maggie, or "that Crumb girl." I've got to have it by 9 AM tomorrow morning! (My apologies to CyberCrumb readers! I'll give you a hint: He looks rather grim in 19th-century garb, and has bags under his eyes...no, Ed Brown is NOT the right answer!)

She Needs a Ticket to Ride

If you are driving to Boston on Thursday, please let Carol (Box 2322) know, as she'd like to join in.



THE CRUMB

When you need a little something in the middle of the day...

Volume 83, No. 3

Thursday, June 27, 2002

Today's Tidbit

"I will not sell school property. I will not sell school property, I will not sell school property...."

--Bart Simpson

Today's Events

First-Year Reception
Treman 5 PM

Gilmore Reading
9 PM

Tonight's Menu

London Broil
with Green Beans and Brown Rice, or Black Bean, Tomato and Greens with Gouda cheese.
Pineapple Upside Down Cake

Weather

Yes, and lots of it. Plenty of wind and clouds, 32.4 % chance of rain today. Increasing chance of rain tomorrow.

First-Years' Festivities Flee Stormy Weather

To take care of first things first, what we mean by "first-year" here on the Mountain means **either** anyone new to Bread Loaf **OR** new to the Vermont campus. Earthworm Manor, originally scheduled to be the site of today's festivities, is fun in the rain **ONLY** if you are an earthworm, so, still reeling from yesterday's storm, Director Jim Maddox will be joined by the Bread Loaf staff to welcome you to campus at **Treman** today at 5:00. Treman is the biggest of the yellow buildings across and up the street from the Inn.

More For First-Years

Now that you know who you are, please take a moment to sign up with Elaine for a 15-minute friendly conflag with Jim or Emily at your earliest convenience.

Free Room and Board!

What's the catch? A little extra work, among the wildest, most wonderful waitstaff anywhere. Gre-Gary-ous Montano and Trixie's for Kids Sabundayo will make your experience even more rewarding. See Jim Maddox, Elaine Lathrop, Gary, or Trixie if you're interested. You may sign on part-time, as well. On the subject of waitstaff, Darcy Ahl needs a waiter sub for graduation. She'll pay you (but not room & board). Please contact Darcy through Internal Mailbox 2412.

Gilmore Gets Going, Rain or Moonshine

Another long-standing and much-loved tradition at Bread Loaf is the Thursday night fireside reading hosted by Gilmore, performed by a faculty member whose identity and reading plans remain secret until the last minute. Gilmore is the yellow (yes, yellow!) house up the dirt road running behind the campus. Walk out the road past the left side of the Barn, and turn right at the bottom of the hill. Walk up a ways, until you see the house (or the bonfire) on your left. The reading, which often includes ceremonial references to Ellen and her much-loved Piney, begins at 9 PM, and the gathering continues until late (or early), with malted beverages and unplugged music. Speaking of the walk, **PLEASE** bring a flashlight, as people have literally fallen off the road in the deep-woods darkness on a cloudy night. A flashlight helps you to avoid being run off the road by drivers or rampaging moose, as well. And a note about

moonshine...Vermont State Law prohibits carrying your own liquor to parties such as this (defined in some states as "lascivious carriage." More about THAT later.).

Seniors Gather on Friday

Friday at 5 the Blue Parlor will be the scene not to miss, if you are a senior. Seniors, Senioritas and Senoras will gather to select class officers, hooders(s), and commencement speakers. We will also measure your heads, as part of a long-standing Bread Loaf study linking deep thought to increasing hat size. Michael Armstrong, long the record-holder among faculty, is the best example of the Bread Loaf phrenological phenomenon.

Snack Bar Hours Follow the Pattern of Vermont Weather

It is said that if you don't like the weather, wait a minute. Just as changeable, but also capable of just as great heights of wonder and majesty, the Snack Bar has revised its hours for this summer: Fri, Sat, Mon 8-3:30. Sun, 1-9 PM. Tue, Wed, Thur. 8-8.

Much Ado, the T-Shirt

Have you spotted some of the cool Bread Loaf t-shirts sported by returning students and staff? Would you like to see your own design be THE design for the official Bread Loaf shirt? Submit a line drawing of your design (no more than two colors as it's going to be silkscreened quickly and economically) with the words "Bread Loaf School of English" included, and you could win...prestige, a small cash prize, prestige, um, prestige....Hand them in at the Front Desk by Monday, please! This just in from Jim: "it has come to my attention that the New Mexico campus thinks its shirts are always better than ours. Let's take care of that, shall we?"

Much Ado, the Soundtrack

Hark, musicians! Calling all former or present marching band musicians who can play brass or clarinet (trumpet, sax, tuba, trombone...I'm sure if you can play it, you know what it is)! **Much Ado**, the real thing, needs your help in two short scenes to recreate the sound of a New Orleans funeral. We'll provide the instruments. Please see Mark Wright today, or leave him a note via Internal Mail if you're interested.

Much Ado, the Movie

For those too busy to read *The Play*, there's always the movie. Actually this one is terrific, (if a bit traditionally set in Tuscany instead of New Orleans) directed and starred in by His Royal Shakespeare Kenneth Branagh. Help us kick start our Friday Night at the Movies series. Come early, bring a drink and a friend or two, and find the "unobstructed view" seats. Previews begin at 9 PM (actually there are no previews--we start then because it's dark and we're still awake).

Texas Stars in the Vermont Night

Everyone, large and small, is invited to the Barn this Saturday night for a traditional country square dance featuring Francis Cram and his band. Caller Tom Bahre (incidentally a local legislator) will demystify the moves for you, including teaching such things as the Ladies' Chain, the allemande left, and the aforementioned Texas Star. Assistance will be available for the directionally impaired.

Blue Blazes

This Sunday at 7:30, the Blue Parlor Reading Series begins with a slate of mystery readers (actually, their names will soon be posted at the Front Desk...could be you!). About four people can read some of their Sign up to read or organize, and then come early to get a good seat; this is another Bread Loaf tradition that really packs 'em in.

BLTN Expands Its Reach

It's huge and fabulous and it just got bigger. Tom McKenna asks: Please excuse the re-arranging of the 3rd floor library conference room this summer. Half of it will be reserved for BLTN training and presentations, as well as the work of students in "Writing to Make a Difference." You are welcome to use the remainder of the room when classes or presentations are not in session. Please check the schedule posted on the door.

Fireworks Friday

The Sheldon Museum, which houses such local oddities as Mr. Sheldon's molars, his stuffed pet cat, the information about the mummy he purchased and then buried in the Catholic cemetery up the street, and many valuable local archives, sponsors the annual Vermont Symphony Orchestra Outdoor Concert and 1812 Overture fireworks extravaganza Friday night at 8:00 PM in the Middlebury College Stadium. The grounds open at 5:30 for picnickers, and the stadium itself has a lovely view. Kids under 12 go for free! Students \$8, Adults \$18 ahead of time. Call 388-2117 for more information.

Real Good Feel Good Fingers

Cornwall Clinic will be the site of therapeutic massages (Swedish and deep tissue massage) provided by massage therapists Charlotte Kerr and Sally Burrell. Appointments are available two days a week by signing up outside the Cornwall door. The fee is \$45 per hour (approximately half the suburban New York rate!), and the first appointments will be this Saturday from 9-5. Check the Cornwall door for other session times next week, too.

Feeling Good the Hard Way...

...involves some working out. But Middlebury Fitness, an excellent AIR-CONDITIONED gym tucked behind G-Stone Motors just off Rte. 7 on the way into Middlebury, makes it easy by offering a summer special for B-L students of just \$84. If you sign up, please let Jonathan Fried know if you could drive him there in return for gas money.

Wildlife Watch

There is a family of barn swallows tending an active nest on the porch of the Inn. They were rudely surprised on set-up day, when we all moved in. Let's watch and see if they hatch any babies! Has anyone spotted a moose yet? Catamount? Bear? Let me in on it....

Emily Post's Guide to Library Etiquette

Sometimes our own nesting instincts extend to the Library, where we hunker down into a particular corner, stow away snacks and bottles of (water), pile all those heavy books, park our power strip and laptop, post pictures of our families, drape our favorite afghan, and so on. In view of the fact that the Library is heavily used by over 300 people, let's keep it picked up at all times.

She's Got a Ticket to Ride

Yup, post in the Crumb and good things happen! Carol's Fred got the ride he needed...now if only the Crumb personals worked as well....Here's a new request: how about a ride BACK from Boston on Sunday for Tanya in the Costume Shop? Respond to her via Internal Mail (Box 2276).

Quotiddly Think

"You got to be careful if you don't know where you're going, because you might not get there." --who said it? Git yer answers to me by 9 tomorra! (That's Maggie the Crumb, via Internal Mail at the Front Desk, or breadnet.)

Jumping for Joy

She's been here since she was learning to walk, and now Joy MacVey is showing us what Bread Loaf is all about. She correctly identified the mystery man in the picture as Joseph Battell, yup, the very one who gets all the hoo around here. And justifiably so, since we wouldn't be without him. Thanks for the tribute, Joy, on behalf of old Joe.

Today's Tidbit

"I will not sell school property.
I will not sell school property,
I will not sell school property...."
--Bart Simpson



THE CRUMB

A Little Slice of the Loaf...

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Today's Tidbit

Splitting hairs? A mail-order memorabilia company is selling snippets of hair belonging to the rich and famous. Owner Richard Wilson says locks snipped from JFK's scalp are going for \$2,200. You can buy a Lincoln lock for \$3,500. I won't even mention what Monica's collection of Clinton-hairs is priced at....

Weather

Some clearing this afternoon, s'posed to be hot this weekend. Real hot. Watch out for thunderstorms as it winds up.

Food, Glorious Food

The meal prices for guests not on the meal plan are as follows: Breakfast \$8, Lunch \$10, and Dinner \$15. The menu for tonight is: Seafood Lasagna or Spinach Lasagna, Broccoli & Peppers, and Peanut Butter Fudge Cake

Have We Got A Drew for You! Or, Where You Will Want to Be on Monday Night

The Bread Loaf community is cordially invited to attend the prestigious Drew Lecture, an honor bestowed by Bread Loaf upon a highly qualified academic colleague, who shares a moment with us to cause us to ponder, to delight, to stew, or just to sit and listen. This year's Drew Lecture will be presented on Monday at 7:30 in the Theater by the distinguished scholar **Patricia Meyer Spacks**. Professor Spacks is currently teaching at the University of Virginia. She has been the recipient of over thirteen major awards, including from the NEH, Guggenheim, American Council of Learned Societies, and Phi Beta Kappa. In 2000, she was made the first humanities scholar-in-residence of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Professor Spacks has been the author or editor of over 17 books, including, in 1995, editing the Norton Critical edition of Jane Austen's *Persuasion*, and writing *Boredom: The Literary History of a State of Mind* (go figure). Her forthcoming book is titled *Privacy: Eighteenth-Century Selves in Hiding*. Professor Spacks' interest in teaching is also apparent in her work, as she recently edited *Advocacy in the Classroom: Problems and Possibilities*. The Drew Lectures are always exciting, and this is one you will not want to miss.

First-Year Fun and Frolic

Don't forget to sign up with Elaine to see Jim or Emily for fifteen minutes of unthreatening conversation. "First-year" means those new to Vermont as well as those new to Bread Loaf altogether.

Seniors Turn to Blue

Blue is the color of the sky, your soon-to-be-diploma, the ribbon on Gamaliel Painter's cane, and the Parlor, where you're supposed to be today at 5 PM. This meeting is second in importance only to graduation itself.

Fling That Thing

Anyone interested in joining Ultimate Frisbee guru Chris Onken for a little fling should gather after dinner on the field. No experience, but a little athletic aptitude necessary. Some of us just watch, for the vicarious fling.

BreadNet-working For Jobs

If you're looking for work, or looking for different work, or your school is seeking to fill a position, our Director encourages one and all to consult the "Jobs" conference in the "Conferences" section of BreadNet.

Old Time Frolic Tonight

Ok, I've been dying to tell you this story about Tom Bahre, the caller for the Square Dance on Saturday night. He's a very sincere, well-liked (particularly by Republicans) local legislator, with a reputation for cutting through all the crap. The story goes like this: there was a jam in a neighbor's Manure Bank spigot (down near the bottom of a huge tank). And Tom, widely known as a friendly neighbor, was called in to help. He heroically pulled his pickup up to the spout, climbed up inside it, and went to work with his sledgehammer. Well, when that valve gave, all that BS shot Tom right out of there. Buried him AND his truck. Now, I'll try not to read too much into this text if you won't. Tom's all cleaned up now, and ready to teach you a thing or two about Square Dance. Be in the Barn (where else?) at 9 Saturday night.

Still a Little Shy

If you've ever laid lips to a brass instrument, please let Mark Wright know, as he's happy with the turn-out but still needs more for the New Orleans funeral scene in *The Play*.

Friday Night Fracas

The Branagh version of *Much Ado About Nothing* will not be shown this Friday, and will be replaced by *Some Like It Hot*. Hey, Shakespeare was into cross-dressing, too, right? The Branagh *Much Ado* will be available in the Library, should anyone wish to see it on his own.

Straight-And-Gay Alliance Opens Discussion Series

This message just in from Jonathan Strong: Are you a straight teacher with a gay or lesbian student? Do you have students who are questioning their sexual orientation and you wonder how best to help them? Are you gay, lesbian, or bisexual and wonder how your students perceive you? Are you interested in helping establish a gay-straight alliance at your school? Maybe you're not a teacher, but would like to discuss these issues in a larger social context. Please join us in the Blue Parlor after the reading on Sunday night, about 8:30. Everyone is welcome! We'll try to make it a regular Sunday night event. For more info, contact Jonathan Strong, 443-2749.

DJ Dearth Depresses Dancers

Next week's Barn Dance will knock your socks off. It's a Time Warp, beginning with the dances of the sock-hop era and moving, as the night ages, through the decades. But wait, we needs help! In fact, it would be really great if there were a few folks out there wishing to divvy up the DJ duties. We'll help with the CDs, and the equipment awaits in the Barn's "tower of power."

Madrigals Tuning Up

Jay Crawford-Kelly (fondly, "crawfish-belly") invites all who like to sing to the first rehearsal in the Barn at 5:15 PM on Tuesday next week. Men of the tenor, baritone and bass variety are particularly urged to join in.

Hurry Up and Wait

The waitstaff still needs some additional members. You can't ask for a better, funner, cooler group of people to work with, and you even get paid! Sign up with Gary, Trixie, Elaine, or Jim. You can do it either whole or half time.

Congrats to Quotiddly Quizmasters

Perennial powerhouse Kurt Broderson joined in yesterday just at press time, correctly identifying our founder as the mystery man, and this time nailing the speaker of those wise words, "If you don't know where you're going, you might not get there" as Yogi Berra. Jay Crawford-Kelly, our very own madrigal director joined in with Yogi as well.

Today's Question: Which B-L administrator once participated in the National Science Fair?

Social News

Ceci Lewis, feeling the effects of homesickness for the Mountain so strongly that she's slapping at imaginary mosquitoes, is planning to visit us on the 11th. Wish her some rain...they've had the first drops in 100 days today.

I'd Like to See Yogi Do Yoga

You have TWO choices this weekend! Amy Secrist will wake you up on Saturday morning with gentle stretching practice on Saturday morning at 7 AM. The theme for the day is "Acting Like Animals," which seems appropriate given our wildlife news. All interested beasts should bring towel or blanket to Barn 2. On Sunday at 10, Trixie (yes, THE Trixie) Sabundayo will lead a yoga session, too. Please check the sign outside of the Dining Hall for location.

Wake Up to Yoga...or the World Cup!

The Waybury Inn, at the foot of the hill in East Middlebury, will be serving breakfast in the Pub to anyone who wishes to show up at 7 AM Sunday to see the finals of the World Cup. The Front Desk has offered to drive the first 14 who sign up down in the van. The van will leave at 6:45. Sign up at the Front Desk.

The Moosolini and Other Wild Tales

Two amazing moose encounters have already taken place here on the Mountain (I know it feels like you've been here for a month, but it's really only a few days...). Dan Morano said he lost count at seven, after seeing several family groups with calves cross his path. He even drove alongside one group, which seemed to think he was one of them. They wove around his car, and even snuggled up so close that Dan reached out and patted one to get it to move away from the vehicle. When he came back to report on the moosolini (isn't that plural for small moose?), he was corrected...they were "cows, and calves." Brian Kosnik's moose was more like *Il Duce* himself, actually, as it stared Brian down and then charged the car. Brian, thinking his worst childhood Bulwinkle nightmare had come to pass, floored the gas pedal and fled, checking the rear-view to be sure he wasn't being chased. Later, upon reflection, Brian became certain that the moose wasn't vicious, but merely ornery. I wonder what they think of us?

The 2002 Top Ten Begins

Every summer, the Crumb sponsors a little campus bonding and humor by hosting a Top Ten contest. Entries may be submitted individually or in groups, and must be in by Sunday night before the Monday Crumb. This week's Top Ten is based on the legal term "lascivious carriage," meaning carrying unlicensed alcohol to a licensed party. Now, what are the top ten ways to use (or redefine) "lascivious carriage" in a sentence? By Sunday night to MAGGIE, please!

Weekend Calendar

Friday 5, Senior Meeting
Friday after dinner, Frisbee
Friday 9, Some Like It Hot
Saturday 7, Yoga
Saturday 9, Square Dance
Sunday 6:45, van to World Cup
Sunday 10, Yoga
Sunday 7:30, Blue Parlor Reading
Sunday 8:30, Saga Talk

THE CRUMB

Summer Reading That People Actually Read—Since 1920

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July 1, 2002

Today's Tidbit:

Did you know that Northwest Airlines is now planning on making overweight people buy two seats? What are they going to do next, make people weigh in on the luggage scales? Squeeze them through a shape-tester, like carry-on bags?

Today's Events:

Senior Meeting 5 PM
Drew Lecture 7:30 PM

Dinner Menu:

Grilled Tuna Steaks,
Or White Bean/
Artichoke Gratin.
Arborio Rice,
Butternut Squash, and
Peanut Butter Pie

Weather:

HUMIDITY !!

Chance of a shower.
Close the windows
over your beds and
computers....
Tomorrow hotter and
worse.

Remembering Rocky

From Jim Maddox:

No one was more loved in the Bread Loaf community than Rocky Gooch, who died on September 30, 2001 after a long struggle with cancer. Rocky was officially the telecommunications director for the Bread Loaf Teacher Network, but he knew and befriended many, many Bread Loaf students, faculty, and staff who were not a part of that network. He was a gentle and kind man, of the sweetest disposition. He was the son of Dixie Goswami. Rocky, Dixie, and I traveled many thousands of miles together over the years, visiting Bread Loaf teachers in their schools and, many times, in their homes. Rocky helped to knit us all together.

There will be a gathering of Rocky's friends on Wednesday evening at 7:30, in the Theater. I have asked a few of Rocky's friends to share some of their memories of him.

A Drew To Do

Tonight at 7:30, the place to be is the Theater, where Patricia Meyer Spacks will present the prestigious Drew Lecture on the subject of "Realism and the Novel." Professor Spacks, currently at the University of Virginia, is a distinguished scholar who has collected numerous awards and published over 17 books. This is one Drew Lecture you will not want to miss.

Seniors Still Blue

More to be done, seniors! This message from co-president Dan Morano: Victoria needs to talk to us, heads need to be measured, a gift discussed, and there will also be a brief seminar about the time-honored practice of leeching for blood-tonification. Other matters may also need attention. Blue Parlor, 5 PM TODAY. Congratulations to Dan and Josh Frechette on their election to the post of Senior Class Co-Presidents.

Emily Bartels Begs to Be with M.Litt's
Emily will meet with all M.Litt. candidates tomorrow at 5 PM in the Blue Parlor.

"BLTN!"

"—Bless You!"

BLTN will meet Tuesday at 7 pm in Barn 1. All BLTN Fellows (whether Carnegie, Dodge, Trenton, Rockefeller, Ohio, Kentucky, or South Carolina—about 50 of you!!) should attend the first of this summer's four meetings, catalysts for work that will take place throughout the school year.

Also, please help us welcome Gloria Talley, Greenville County School District (GCSD) director of professional education and staff development, to Bread Loaf. Gloria is a strong advocate for the growing GCSD/Bread Loaf partnership. She participated in the Bread Loaf in the Cities program held last year at Mauldin High School and has been in touch with BL staff and BLC teachers ever since. Her husband will accompany her. They will be staying at the Chipman Inn, arriving the afternoon of July 3 and leaving on Sunday, July 7.

Madrigals and Guys Get Going

Jay Crawford-Kelly will meet with all those interested in raising a small but wondrous voice in the wilderness in the Barn on Tuesday at 5:15.

Maddox and Muldoon Land Big Fish

Eminent Poet and Vermont Poet-Laureate Galway Kinnell has agreed to visit Bread Loaf and read some of his work. He will be here near the end of July. Keep reading the Crumb for details!

Americorps Crew to Consult

If you participated in Americorps, or ever had any connection to it, please let Laura Vitale know....x2753.

Snack Bar(n) Strikes Again

Due to labor unrest (and lack of income), the Snack Bar hours will be simplified during the week to 8 AM to 8 PM, and eliminated altogether on weekends. In the event of a weekend-between-meals emergency need for coffee or water or even a piece of toast or leftover bakery item, Richard invites a visit to the kitchen. You'll find what you need against the Dining Hall wall.

A Pond Further Consideration

A petition has been started to urge the College to rebuild Johnson Pond here on the Vermont campus. All Bread Loaf friends, faculty, staff, and students who fondly remember gathering at the pond to cool off between classes, after a dance, or on a sunny afternoon can lend their support by signing the petition which is posted on the Bulletin Board outside the Dining Hall, or by contacting Peter Newton via Breadnet. It is the Crumb's humble opinion that giving the pond a name like "Johnson Natatorium" might help, though of course it would have to be "Gnatatorium...."

Academy of American Poets Brings It to the Mountain

The Academy of American Poets invites Bread Loaf teachers to attend a one-day workshop at Bread Loaf on Saturday, July 13, to explore poetry's potential in the classroom through its new teaching initiative, the Online Poetry Classroom program. Participants will:

- take part in a seminar led by a prominent poet and educator;
- explore how the creative use of new teaching technologies can engage students and serve as important support tools for learning;
- examine the exciting curriculum plans developed by Teaching Fellows in the program; and
- begin designing plans of their own with the assistance of curricular and technology advisors

In the months following the workshop, Bread Loaf participants will be invited to submit a proposal to develop curriculum plans over the course of the academic year for a stipend and publication on www.onlinepoetryclassroom.org. You can view existing curriculum on the website under the Curriculum Units & Lesson Plans section.

When: July 13, 9:00 am - 4:30 pm
Where: Library Seminar Room

To enroll, add your name to the sign-up sheet posted outside the Dining Hall. If you have any questions, ask Caroline Eisner.

July 4th Ride Is Not Lascivious Carriage

Jason Baeton seeks a ride to Burlington Airport Thursday afternoon, July 4, returning Sunday early afternoon. He'll provide gas money, or rent someone's car for the weekend. Please contact Jason if you can help through box 2415.

Rachel Carlson Abandons the Single Life

Rachel Landon Carlson announces her recent marriage to Hueland Richard Boltinghouse III, who loves flyfishing and makes a mean chipmunk/ squirrel gumbo (the secret ingredient's the nuts, right?).

Quotiddly Quiz

This time, the Crumb editor wins the big prize as no one tried to guess (what's up with that?) the answer to Friday's question: Which BL administrator participated in the National Science Fair? I guess even Jim Maddox isn't reading his Crumbs, since he'd be the only one to know for sure....

Today's Question is a little easier..."In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends." —??? Who said it? Send your answers to Maggie the Crumb through the Front Desk

Rosey's Not Just a Diner

DO YOU MISS YOUR DOG??

- (1) I am looking for a dog sitter for July 9th when I will be gone from BL from 1 p.m. until about 10 or 11 p.m. She is a two year old golden retriever, very friendly and full of energy. She will need at least a walk and a visit while I am away.
- (2) I am looking for a dog sitter for a much bigger job—the long weekend from Thursday through til Monday morning. If you are staying for the long weekend, you can stay at my lovely abode (Burdick, one mile from campus, and itself also a BL campus house) and take care of Rosey. YOU WILL BE HANDSOMELY REWARDED for this service!!!! Susanne Wofford BL extension 2746 OR leave me a message on Breadnet.

Top Ten Titillation

So...what does "lascivious carriage" make YOU think of?

10. ...a saucy chassis (PD)
9. ...squeals on wheels (PD)
8. ...what Elton does to Emma on the way home from the party. (CG)
7. ...when your baby's name is Lucifer (SM)
6. ...the underside of a woman's bustle (CG)
5. ...a stroller's stroller (PD)
4. ...comin' for to carry me home (C)
3. ..."Roll, roll, roll in ze hay..." (YF)
2. ...an erect posture (PD)
1. ...To the tune of "A Bicycle Built for Two," nostalgically croon these lines:
"It led to a shotgun marriage, that giggling lascivious carriage, but it sure was sweet, when we would meet, on a bicycle built for two...." (JL)

Next Week's Top Ten

Top Ten Song Titles with which to woo your (potential?) lover. Turn your suggestions in to Maggie the Crumb by next Sunday!



THE CRUMB

The Bear Facts—Since 1920

Volume 83, Number 6

July 2, 2002

Today's Tidbit:

"When speaking to a Bear of Very Little Brain, remember that long words may Bother him."
--Pooh

Today's Events:

M.Litt Meeting
5 PM, Blue Parlor

Madrigals
5:15 Barn

BLTN Meeting
7 PM Barn 1

Weather

Ugh. Pretty unbearable. Watch out for late-day thunderstorms. Lie down in the river until Thursday.



Dinner Menu

Lamb Roast with Red Potatoes and Peas or Spanikopita with Tomatoes and Penne, Cake for Dessert

Remembering Rocky

Those interested in a remembrance of our dear friend Rocky Gooch may gather tomorrow night at 7:15 in the Theater. **Note:** *The Crumb* mistakenly identified the starting time yesterday as 7:30.

Bear Crossing

Jess Corr-Bolender (not Bear-Colander) saw a bear crossing Route 125. It just "trotted across the road." Da noive a that thing!

Emily Beartels Meets M.Litt's

All M. Litt students (you know, the ones who really couldn't bear leaving here) will find Emily in the Blue Parlor today at 5 PM.

BLTN. (Bears, Lions, Tigers and Newts?)

All of the Bread Loaf Teacher Network fellows (no matter the name on your fellowship) are due in Barn 1 today at 7 PM.

Madrigals' Honeyed Tones to Fill Barn

Anyone interested in singing should report to the Barn today at 5:15 PM. Jay is especially looking for Bearitones, Tenors, and Basses.

Swope Sweeps Through

Renowned children's book author and teacher of writing Sam Swope is here. Look for him in the Dining Hall, or at his talk about writing children's books on Thursday night at 7:15 in Barn 1. He's ready to remind us that Fuzzy Wuzzy Was, after all, a Bear.

Van Drivers Barely Informed

If you need a ride back from town only, you have to sign up at the Front Desk...otherwise they won't know they should stop for you.

Fourth Festival News

Yes, classes meet (sorry, you'll have to grin and bear it). *The Crumb*, however, will be truly revolutionary. There will be fireworks at dusk in Bristol on Wednesday night (yup, the Third of July).

Photos For All

Please gather across from the Inn Wednesday at 12:30 for the Annual All-School Photo (yup, that's the ENTIRE community).

Wednesday: ALL at 12:30, Faculty 1:45, and staff at 1:50

Thursday: Seniors at 12:30, BLTN at 1:45.

Friday: Waitstaff 12:30.

Frost Fest Set For Saturday

The Annual Picnic Honoring Robert Frost will be held this Saturday evening at the Homer Noble Farm. Frost owned the Farm, and lived in a small cabin located on the same property. Tours of the cabin will be provided. Please walk or take the van, as there is NO place to park at the end of the road. The van will leave at regular intervals from the Front Desk, beginning at 5 PM. If you're walking, go past Earthworm Manor on Rte. 125 and take your next right up the dirt road. Don't forget your bug goop!

Yoga—Not Your Average Bear

Amy Secrist had such a wonderful time teaching yoga last weekend that every Saturday at 7 AM (except July 20) she'll be doing Wake-Up Yoga. Amy will also be running Ashtanga Yoga sessions, to be announced on the Dining Room Bulletin Board.

Marching Drummer Needed

Response to the call for brassies was very good...now Mark Wright needs a drummer, preferably with a little marching experience. What next? Baton twirlers? Bear-baiters? I guess not even at a New Orleans funeral.

Add or Drop Deadline

Elaine Lathrop reminds us all that Friday is the last possible moment for adding or dropping classes. Did you know that the word "deadline" came from the line across which prisoners dared not cross at Andersonville Prison upon pain of death? That usually works with my students. As our add-drop deadline approaches, here's some food for thought:

Last-Minute Course Additions

Dissatisfied with your course selections? Realizing that you thought "Literature and Difference" was actually called "Literature and Diffidence" and therefore required little effort? You might want to consider the following:

381. The Ideology of Entomology

Ms. Mantis / T, Th 2-4:45

An introduction to literary examinations of insect life that will also draw on Bread Loaf's extensive population of flying and crawling critters for individual study outside class. We will begin by reading Kafka's *The Metamorphosis* to identify better with the insect within each of us, then examine the Bard's treatment of insects in the fly-killing scene from *Titus Andronicus*, and finally turn to *Lord of the Flies* and Theroux's *The Mosquito Coast*. Students will be encouraged to form "swat teams" in class; extra credit will be given to students who prove their ability to snatch pesky flies out of midair while contributing to class discussions.

382. Trees' Company: Dialogues with Nature, Literally

Mr. Piney / M-F 6:45 PM

Taking as its central assumption that Joseph Battell's *Ellen* is, as Jim Maddox argued in his opening address last evening, ripe for symbolic interpretation, this course will examine similar human-plant exchanges in literature and film. Our discussions will center on *Ellen*, but it may be useful to incorporate revisions and reimaginings of this particular origin myth, including contrasting the hostile apple-throwing trees in *The Wizard of Oz* with the benevolent one in *The Giving Tree*. Perhaps Michael Keaton's recent film *Jack Frost* will provide some interesting insights; while that dialogue is child-snowman rather than girl-tree, the connection is not a far-fetched one. Students will write one short paper and conduct regular conferences with a shrub, flowering bush, or weed of their choosing.

Quotiddly Quiz

Not wishing to be razzed any further about not submitting a guess even about himself, Jim Maddox led those correctly identifying yesterday's quote. Congratulations also go to Kurt Broderson and Liz Bedell. All three named Martin Luther King, Jr. Today's Quote: "Poetry and Hums aren't things which you get, they're things which get you. And all you can do is to go where they can find you." Please submit your guesses to Maggie the Crumb at the Front Desk.



COOL AS A CUCRUMBER

Thinking Positively – Since 1920

Volume 83, Number 7

Wednesday, July 3, 2002

Today's Tidbit:

"A kind heart is a fountain of gladness, making everything in its vicinity freshen into smiles."

--Washington Irving

Today's Events:

All School Photo

12:30, Inn

Faculty Photo

1:45, Inn

Staff Photo

1:50, Inn

Remembering
Rocky Gooch
7:15 Theater

Ultimate Frisbee
After Dinner

Dinner Menu:

Venison or
Vegetable Stew
Egg Noodles
Turnip, Parsnip,
Leek Saute
Moose Tracks
Ice Cream

Weather:

HOT. Drink lots
of water and
make like a
hippo.
Thunderstorms
more likely
tomorrow.

Remembering Rocky

Please join Jim Maddox and many of Rocky Gooch's friends in the Theater at 7:15 to share memories.

This Swope is a Double Diamond

Please join renowned children's book author Sam Swope in Barn 1 Thursday night at 7:15, as he shares the swooshes, turns, and straightaways of writing books for kids.

Frosty Tickets at Front Desk

Pick up meal tickets for the Frost Picnic Saturday night at the Front Desk. There will be a shuttle run in the van down to the Frost Cabin and Homer Noble Farm beginning at 5 PM. Tours of the Frost Cabin will commence shortly thereafter. Walkers are encouraged! There is NO parking available at the Noble Farm.

Bringing Frost In From the Cold

As soon as we have a clear, cool night, there will be an announcement at lunch and a sign at the Front Desk for our annual Frost séance/read-in held outside the Frost Cabin at 10 PM. All are welcome to join Paul Muldoon and others as we share our favorite Frost works by channeling or reading aloud. Keep checking the weather and listening for the word!

The Closest Thing to AC Outside of the AppleCellar

The Bookstore announces its new afternoon hours, from 3-5 on Thursday. Add these to the current morning hours of MWF 8:30-11:30 and TTh 10-12:30.

Cool Chris and the Flying Disc

You're invited to play the Ultimate game with Chris and a host of beginners, intermediates, and veteran frisbeers after dinner tonight. Your next chance is Sunday at 4 PM.

Freeze Out Fires

Just a friendly reminder that there's no smoking in or on any of the buildings or porches here on campus. It's an old, old, old wooden place. Please remember to pick up after porch gatherings, as well. Garbage is not only unsightly, it attracts furry beasts.

Gilmore the Place to Chill

Check out Gilmore again this Thursday! 9 PM is the official gathering time, with a return planned after dark and the possible consumption of a malt beverage or two. Please do not bring your own alcohol, or carry any along the road. Please also consider borrowing a flashlight from the Front Desk, so that you may be seen while on the road, and so that you may see the road.

Waitstaff Too Cool to Say Go

They need us to leave when it's time to go, so let's say 'thanks' to them and let them get on with their studies. Also, please leave behind (or return if it's too late) all Dining Hall utensils and glassware, pitchers, cups, etc. We have a limited supply!

Need That Chillin' Feelin'?

Rob Brodeur, nationally certified, NY State licensed, Swedish Institute trained massage therapist is hanging out his shingle. He has worked with chiropractors, massaged the NYC Theater crowd, and has run the massage program at the Univ. of Pennsylvania. He will be offering chair massages in the Barn every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday (starting tomorrow) between 12:30 and 1:30, for \$10.00 for 15 minutes.

T-Shirt Designs De-Iced

There were 18 terrific drawings submitted for the t-shirt design contest. Jeni Hankins and Marge Droge are this year's winners, Jeni with a more humorous approach, and Marge with a more traditional one. Congratulations to them both! Thanks to all artists who submitted designs...they may be collected from Maggie the Crumb and saved for next year. Special thanks to the kids who participated, Dorothy Muldoon and Sarah Myers.

Top Ten-Anything But Frigid

Don't forget to let your imaginations wander toward the Top Ten Ways to Woo Your Wover [sic] at Bread Loaf...how about "Bring Me Back My Johnson?" Okay, and while we're on the subject, there are over 200 of us here. Let's get 200+ signatures on the petition before July 10, when we meet with the President.

Fourth Fires Up Tonight

Fireworks Tonight: Bristol at Dusk
Shoreham at 10 PM

You can also camp out on Mount Abe and see all of 'em all around.

Parades, Etc:

July 4: Bristol Parade at 10:30, followed by Annual Outhouse Race

Rochester Parade 11 AM, Rte. 100

July 6: Brandon Parade

Chocolate Mousse [sic], Chilled

More moose sightings! Donna Duvall and friends spotted two of them, but didn't get too close out of respect for moosely dignity. Judy Ellsesser and her daughters saw a young male (moose, that is) in the swamp near 125. Judy advises never to pull off the road there, as the potential for ditching one's car is very great.

Quotiddly Quiz

Congratulations to yesterday's winnies, Kurt Broderson, Liz Bedell, and Jay Crawford-Kelly, who identified Pooh.

Today's Quote: "There's a polary bear in my frigidy-daire!"





Crumbon Sense

Read, Whyte, and Blue - Since 1920

July 4, 2002

Today's Tidbit:

"You failed history? When I was your age, it was my best subject."

"When you were my age, what had happened?"

--Milton Berle

Today's

Events:

Senior Photo

12:30, Inn

BLTN Photo

1:45, Inn

Sam Swope Talk

Barn 1, 7:15

Dinner

Menu:

NY Strip Steaks or
Vegetable

Turnovers

Red Potatoes &

Broccoli,

Chocolate

Brownies & Ice

Cream

Weather:

Warm and
humid, chance
of
thundershowers
later in the day.

Much cooler
tomorrow!

Green Mountain Boy Sam

Swope Appears in Book Talk

Renowned children's book author and teacher of writing Sam Swope will speak tonight in Barn 1 at 7:15 on the trials and tribulations of creating books for young people.

Froston Tea Party Tickets

Pick up your tickets at the Front Desk for the Frost Picnic on Saturday. A shuttle will begin at 5 PM to carry all those who'd rather not walk. Walking is encouraged, and there is NO parking at the Homer Noble Farm. Take your first right after Earthworm Manor. Tours of the Frost Cabin will begin shortly after 5 PM.

Founding Father of Frisbee

Chris Onken announces that there will be Ultimate Frisbee every Wednesday and Friday after dinner and Sunday afternoon at 4.

Petition For Release of Johnson

Please sign the petition for the safe return of prisoner Major Johnson Pond, outside the Tavern door. Residents of other campuses may send an email to Peter Newton on Breadnet if they wish to have their voices noted.

"It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World." -- George III

"Three hundred and fifty thousand dollars! It's all right there! Right under the Big W...The Big W...." So starts tomorrow night's movie, even though Emily Bartels tried bravely to get them to change it to "The Big E." The huge cameo cast stars the likes of Milton Berle, Sid Caesar, Ethel Merman, Buddy Hackett, Mickey Rooney, Phil Silvers, Jonathan Winters, Spencer Tracy, and more. Check out the Barn at 9 PM on Friday.

Revolutionary Approach to Dancing-- "Time Warp"

This week's Barn Dance crew has something special planned. You all remember the famous "Minuet to Motown" dances of the past?...well, we're here to introduce our own "Mashed Potatoes to Smashing Pumpkins," or "Swing to Ska" Time Warp Dance. Beginning at 8 PM, Beth Harris will host a Swing Dance instruction workshop. No experience or partner necessary. At 9 PM, the dance itself will begin, with music from the Sock-Hop Era. The later it gets, the later the music. Come and enjoy the best of the past and present, on Saturday night.

Independence Celebration Begins on the Green

Middlebury's Annual Festival On The Green begins Saturday with a Peasant Market, Sunday night at 6 with Banjo Dan and the Midnite Plowboys, and continuing throughout next week with midday events for kids, and two events each evening. See the Front Desk for the schedule, or www.festivalonthegreen.org.

Foreign Films Smuggled to Sunderland Language Center

Middlebury College's 3rd Annual Foreign Film Festival continues this summer with a terrific series of films, including *Metropolis* (Japan, anime version), *Amali* (France), *The Devil's Backbone* (Mexico), *The Farewell* (Germany), *The Wedding* (Russia). Check the listing at the Front Desk for details.

Radha Rao's Ride

Please let Radha Rao know if you can go down to the College in the morning. She'd like a ride to the pool, and will help with expenses.

Damn Yankees

Kartik Balasubramanian would like it very much if people could pronounce his name KARTik, not Kartique. Thanks. As for his last name....

Quotiddly Quiz

Heartfelt apologies for leaving out Chris Onken from the Poohfest of right answers yesterday! Chris also got Shel Silverstein right for yesterday's quote about the polary bear, as did Jay Crawford-Kelly. Congratulations to all.

Today's Question:

The Liberty Bell cracked on July 8, 1835, while tolling the death of what famous American?

Please send your answers to Maggie.





BASIC CRUMB

It's Not Even Funny --L. Maddox

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Friday, July 5, 2002

Today's Tidbit:

On July 5, 1946, the bikini was introduced at a popular Parisian swimming pool. Louis Reard named his creation after the island upon which a major atomic test had taken place earlier that week (incidentally leaving a mile-wide crater on the ocean floor), while Reard's competition named their suit the "atom" and marketed it as "the world's smallest."

Dinner Menu:

Pork Chops &
Applesauce or
Eggplant &
Mushroom
Pasticcio
Tomato Salad
with fresh
Mozzarella and
Basil
Butternut
Squash

Weather:

Mostly cloudy
and cool, chance
of showers,
tomorrow partly
cloudy and
warming.

Tale of the Frail Rail

You may have noticed a rotting column outside the Library...until the grounds crew fixes it, please do not sit or lean on the railing.

Feet Don't Eat Meat

...or anything else for that matter. State law requires that bare feet and chests be covered in dining areas.

Make A Splash for Johnson Pond

Thanks to all who have signed the growing petition outside the Dining Hall and have e-mailed their support! BUT the deadline looms for our meeting with President John McCardell to officially present our petition: July 10. All four campuses are working together to make as big an impression as possible so that Middlebury College will restore one of Bread Loaf's institutions. Remember how hot it was these past few days? Don't forget to sign!

A Race For Orr

Charlie Orr was a much-beloved Bread Loaf student, who died before his time. Every summer, the entire Bread Loaf community (or as much of it as we can get signed up), walks, jogs, or runs a 3-mile loop from Johnson Pond (see?), around the Frost Trail and back. The "Race" takes place on Saturday, Aug. 3 at 9:30 AM, but you need to sign up now and next week at the Front Desk, and pay a small fee to raise money for the Orr Fellowship given to a BL student each year. The fee will also include a t-shirt (which has to be printed up...hence the advance planning). See the sign-up at the Front Desk.

Going Postal

Please note that postage is now officially at .37 for a letter, .23 for a postcard. The Front Desk will have to bounce back to you mail with insufficient postage. Would that make the old .34 a "rubber stamp?"

Gospel Choir Seeks Direction

If there's anyone out there interested in organizing a group of energetic gospel singers to raise voices to the heavens, please see Jim Maddox or Elaine Lathrop.

Frost Picnic Is The ONLY Meal

Literally, and literarily, the Frost Picnic IS what will be served on campus Saturday night. Accordingly, even if you're on the meal plan, you MUST pick up a ticket at the Front Desk. Off-campus families may buy half-price children's tickets (from 6-18...under 6 are free). Van rides begin at 5 PM, tours of the Frost Cabin shortly thereafter, and picnic supper will be served at 6. Walkers encouraged.

Classic Kramer Comedy

I drew the line at making that headline all "Ks," even in the interest of Crumb Campiness (or would that be Krumb Kamp?). Anyhow, the Movie tonight is one of Kramer's goofy best, *It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World*, in which eight greedy people find themselves in hilarious situations as they each try to outdo the others in a race for \$350,000. The newer film *Rat Race* tried to remake this wildly funny original.

Tapped Out? Come Dance!

Beginning with a Swing Workshop at 8 PM (no partners or experience necessary), this Saturday's Barn Dance will wiggle, tickle, and shake us through the music of the last fifty years. The later the hour, the later the music. Come and enjoy!

FREE CONCERT!

Folk and swing, free-flowing fun, and nearby, too! Head east on 125 and make a right at 100 in Hancock. Should take you about 15 minutes to get to the Green in Rochester by 6 PM Saturday for an outdoor concert by Rani Arbo & Daisy Mayhem (formerly the folk band Salamander Crossing). Jean Korelitz and Paul Muldoon say this is THE band not to miss this summer. They play a scintillating combination of traditional folk, Appalachian fiddle, and swing. Guaranteed to get your feet moving.

Full Blue Slate

Join us at 7:30 in the Blue Parlor on Sunday night for a full slate of terrific readers, including Teena Cohen, Allan Reeder, Ben Landry, and Alison Lobron.

Sexual Orientation Discussion Going Strong

Not sexual orienteering, though that sounds like fun. The first meeting brought twenty or so Bread Loafers to a stimulating and useful discussion on issues of sexual orientation in education. Join in again Sunday night in the Blue Parlor after the Reading, around 8:45. All welcome—bring your friends! Questions? Contact Jonathan Strong, 443-2749.

Awards Aplenty on Monday Night

Join the Bread Loaf community for the Annual Awards Banquet during Monday Night's Dinner. Jim Maddox and Emily Bartels will present the named fellowships and professorships.

Praised Poet Paul Prepares to Present

After the Awards Banquet on Monday night, treat yourself to a high point of the Bread Loaf experience, a reading by our much-beloved poet Paul Muldoon. Find him in the Barn at 7:15. Run over early to get a good seat!

Off-Campus Fun, or, Date Set for Execution

This is the last weekend for the run of an Oskar Eustis play in Montpelier called Execution of Justice. It's playing at the Lost Nation Theater, and got great reviews. Call the theater for details.

Riding Down the Mountain...

...is more fun than riding up! Carita Gardiner would love a ride down to East Middlebury Tuesdays and Thursdays at about 4:45. Please let her know if you can help, 388-4200.

Top Ten Awaits

Don't forget to serenade Maggie this weekend with your **Top Ten Song Titles for Wooing**. Sunday night's your last chance! Let your imagination run wild...titles with Bread Loaf references get extra points.

Quotiddly Quiz

Congratulations to Kurt Broderson, Tom and Judy Jessup, Liz Bedell, and Jay Crawford-Kelly, who correctly named Chief Justice John Marshall as the deceased personage for whom the Liberty Bell cracked in 1835. Even more fun were their various reasons for knowing this detail!

Today's Question: In what year was "Under God" added to the Pledge of Allegiance?

Weekend Calendar

Friday:

Waitstaff Photo 12:30, Inn
Mad, etc. World Movie 9 PM, Barn

Saturday:

Yoga 7 AM, Barn 1
Frost Picnic 6 PM, Noble Farm
Free Concert 6 PM, Rochester

Sunday:

Yoga 10 AM, Barn 1
Frisbee 4 PM, Field
Blue Parlor Reading 7 PM, Guess Where?
Sex. Orientation Discussion, 8:45, Blue Parlor



THE CRUMB

The News, More or Less, Since 1920

Volume 83, Number 10

Monday, July 8, 2002

Today's Tidbit:

What do
spoodle,
schnoodle, and
labradoodle
have in
common?
They're all dogs
who have a
poodle as one
parent. What's
next,
Rottwoodle?
Doberdoodle?

Today's Events:

Awards Banquet
6 PM, Dining Hall

Paul Muldoon
Reads
7:30, Barn

Dinner Menu:

Grilled Trout
Almondine, or
Fennel & Lentil
Saute
Red Potatoes
with Sundried
Tomato Pesto
Hershey's
Chocolate Cake

Weather:

Scattered
thundershowers
today, more
showers
tomorrow.

Where There's Smoke, There's Fire

You probably noticed the odd atmospheric events of yesterday. While some carried umbrellas to the picnic, and others thought nuclear winter upon us, at least locally we had nothing to fear. It was smoke from forest fires hundreds of miles away in Quebec, in Cree country along the St. James Bay. In fact, the smoke affected an area as far south as Washington, DC, Kurt Broderson (BL '99) reports. While the smoke was too high to do us any damage, some observed that the bugs had gone berserk. Many were seen trying to gnaw through Adirondack chairs, or crawling aimlessly through the Director's hair at the Frost picnic. Ultimate Frisbee players reported that they swallowed an inordinate number of the befuddled pests.

Maddox To Fete Fellows

Tonight's Annual Awards Banquet will find those holding named positions here honored by the community at large. Come and enjoy a more formal meal and some celebratin'.

Doon't Miss Muldoon!

This is a poetry reading that packs the Barn. Paul Muldoon, much-beloved poet of global and mountain renown, will regale us with his wit and wisdom this evening after the Banquet (7:30). Doon't miss this one!

License To Carry Denied

Due to some confusion about the "lascivious carriage" rule on Saturday night, here's one more try. State law requires that we do not carry alcohol to or from an event on campus. That means, please do not bring your own alcohol to the dances or other functions, and please do not carry alcohol provided by us away from the dance or function. The state has warned Middlebury College that it is watching us closely, and if we mess up, it could result in not only us, but the whole college losing its license to serve alcohol. Please help us keep our events fun and safe and flowing.

Public Porno Prohibited

And while we're on the subject of the Law, it is considered sexual harassment to view pornographic websites on public computers. So please, keep it to yourself.

Steinbeck Series Starts

Ilsley Library in Middlebury celebrates John Steinbeck's 100th birthday by showing movies and holding book discussions to follow. Tortilla Flat, East of Eden, and Of Mice and Men are on the agenda. Please see the sign on Dining Hall Bulletin Board for dates and details.

Once Again, BLTN

If it's Tuesday, I'm thinkin' there's BLTN. Tomorrow night at 7 PM in Barn 1, all BLTN fellows will meet to continue the good work begun last week.

Andover to Pop Over

On Thursday and Friday of this week, look for the Andover-Bread Loaf Writing Workshop to make its 15th annual visit to Bread Loaf. Twenty urban and international teachers and ABL staff will stay at the Blue Spruce and have meals at the Inn. Thursday at 7:15 pm in Barn 1, Lou Bernieri, ABL co-director (BL '85) and Bread Loaf teachers from Lawrence will talk about Latina and Latino writers and the teaching of writing in Lawrence, ABL and Bread Loaf in Pakistan and Tanzania, and the work of Bread Loaf/Lawrence teachers in Lawrence Public Schools. ALL WELCOME.

Walk, Charlie, Orr Run

Sign up at the Front Desk this week to participate in the Annual Fun Run (Aug. 3, 9:30 AM) to raise money for the Charlie Orr Fellowship. Charlie Orr was a much-beloved BL student who died before his time...and we try to get as much of the community as we can to walk, run, jog or slither the 3 miles from Johnson Pond down and around the Frost Trail and back. Please sign up this week so that the Front Desk can order you a t-shirt for the occasion!

Madrigals Seek Madriguys

Madrigals had an excellent first rehearsal last week, and look forward to rehearsing every Tuesday at 5 PM in the Barn. They would especially like to some more men to join in the fun.

Gospel Choir Seeks Guidance

If there's anyone out there who'd like to do some singin' and swingin' and getting' merry like Christmas, please let Jim, Emily, or Elaine know.

A Bum Steer From Crumb Bum

I apologize for any inconvenience caused by my overly eager reporting of the Rochester free concert...I tried to move it up to Saturday, but it was actually on Sunday. What kind of dope would think you could go to the Picnic and the Concert at the same time? No need to answer that. Anyway, I'm sorry.

Crumbmeister Marries

Former Crumbmeister Hugh Coyle tied the knot with the love of his life Maynard Yost on Saturday afternoon at their beautiful mountainside retreat in Middletown Springs. A small, family-style wedding was attended by several former Bread Loafers and other friends and family. Congratulations to Hugh!

Top Ten Takes 'Til Tuesday

Sometimes, creativity just can't be rushed. As soon as I extended the deadline, several groups and individuals said they would rise to the challenge to propose **Song Titles With Which to Woo a Bread Loafer.**

Tune in tomorrow for a fabulous list, but don't forget to turn in your own entries to Maggie the Crumb.

How about, "You knock the bugs right outta my hair?" or, "Moose me in St. Louis, Louis?"

Wild Things Spot Wild Thing

Bread Loafers Marin Dingfelder and Baron Kelly (wow...Marin and Baron...) saw a moose while returning to campus last night. Marin said that, even though she had to travel all the way from Mainz to attend Bread Loaf, the moose sighting has made it all worthwhile.

Quiz No Trouble for Assembled Genii

Many of the Crumb's readers found the question about the year "Under God" was added to the Pledge to be as easy as Apple Pie. 1954 was the correct answer given by Liz Bedell, Kurt Broderson, John Pitcher, John and Judy Jessup, Jay Crawford-Kelly, and Karen Mitchell. Great job, everyone!

Today's Question:

Which of the following museums does NOT exist?

- A) The Museum of Sex
- B) The Museum of Left-Handed Tools
- C) The Jell-O Museum
- D) International Spy Museum

Remember, it's never too late to get involved! Submit your answers to Maggie the Crumb through the Front Desk, or through Breadnet.

THE CRUMB

"A Frightfully Specious Mix of Hearsay and Hullabaloo" –J. Maddox

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Tuesday, July 9, 2002

Today's Tidbit:

The first
African-
American
elected to the US
Senate: 1870
(Revels, MS)
The first
African-
American
elected Governor
of a state: 1990
(Wilder, VA)

Today's Events:

Senior Meeting,
Blue Parlor, 5
Madrigals,
Barn, 5 PM
BLTN Meeting,
Barn 1, 7 PM

Dinner Menu:

Moroccan
Chicken or
Turkish Mixed
Beans
Artichokes &
Tomatoes
Corn on the Cob
Chocolate Cream
Pie

Weather:

Partly sunny,
chance of
thundershower.
Less humid
tomorrow.

Seniors, Senioras, Senioritas Meet Today

All seniors, please meet in the Blue Parlor today to select a senior gift, and set up committees for activity and graduation planning.

BLTN The Best, And That's No BL

Come one and all BLTN members to Barn 1 tonight at 7, to continue the good work begun last week.

Muldoon Rocked The Barn

Paul Muldoon's reading proved once again why the Mountain is the place to be. Thanks, Paul!

Over Andover, A Big Event

One amazing event each summer is the visit by the Andover-Bread Loaf Writing Workshop, celebrating its 15th visit this year. All are welcome to join in the Thursday night discussion with Lou Bernieri (BL '85, ABL co-director), and Lawrence teachers at 7:15 in Barn 1. The topics will be: ABL in Tanzania and Pakistan, and the work of ABL in Lawrence public schools (incl. Latino/Latina writers in the curriculum).

Wear Art, Thou!

Sign up for the new t-shirt designs! See the Bulletin Board outside the Dining Hall for the Award-winning designs. Pick your design and size (specify if it's kids), and pre-pay \$13.00 at the Front Desk **by Thursday dinnertime.**

One Last Johnson Push

The Pond, that is. Tomorrow's the meeting with President McCardell (at 9:30 am). 200+ signatures as of Monday dinner! Thanks especially to Matt Colon for his impassioned plea, which will be presented alongside the petition. If you haven't signed yet, please do so outside the Dining Hall, or by e-mailing Peter Newton on Breadnet. Check for the play-by-play of The Meeting in Thursday's Crumb.

A Royster Rolls In

What's a Royster, you ask? Not just a regal oyster, but the pearl within. Beloved BL faculty member Jacqueline Jones Royster will be visiting this week. Look for her in the Dining Hall.

Competitive Poetry? It Could Be Verse....

Three Bread Loafers are looking to get a Poetry Slam cooking. If you have hunch that you're part of the bunch, notify Sarah or send up a flare-a... Hunnicutt, that is.

Table Massage

What IS that? Everyone at the table massaging each other? Massaging a table? A table massaging? If you want to be involved, preferably somewhere between the table and the massage therapist, check out Rob Brodeur,

LMT, NCMT, BLT, PB & J, at the Cornwall Clinic T,Th, and Sun from 1:15-3:45 and 7-9:30 PM. \$50.00 per hour. He's nationally certified, NY State licensed, can drive a nail in all fifty states, trained at the Swedish Institute in NYC and has been in practice for over six years. He does Swedish-style table massage, with shiatsu, deep tissue, triggerpoint, myofascial release (yikes), reiki, and facilitated stretching. Rob works both as a clinical therapist as well as giving a "thorough, relaxational session." So, if your back has gotten achy, or your knees are getting shaky, just as soon as you are able, get yourself to Rob B.'s table. Sign up outside the Cornwall Clinic.

Donkey? My Caboose... That Thar's A Moose!

The latest moose sighting was logged by Jeni Hankins and John Copenhaver. Jeni said she briefly considered the possibility that it was a very large donkey. Hm.

Crawford-Kelly Strikes Again

Jay Crawford-Kelly takes sole honors today for getting the answer to yesterday's quiz...the only museum on that list that doesn't actually exist is the Museum of Left-Handed Tools.

Somebody should expose this sinister plot!

Today's Quiz:

How many Presidents never exercised their veto power? Please submit answers to Maggie.

Dear Old Piney:

Why are there two dormitories named after the same kind of tree (Tamarack and Larch)? And why is Tamarack up on a hill?

Signed, Ellen

Dear Ellen:

What an appropriate question to ask! Legend has it that the Tamarack dormitory was built following the Great Flash Flood of '44, during which Johnson Pond swelled up well beyond its banks and submerged the better part of the Bread Loaf campus.

At the time, visiting scholar Lucia Kravitzniak and her daughter Tamara were caught unsuspectingly playing frisbee on the fields. Rather than clamber atop the Inn for safety when the deluge began (that's what the cupola is for), the two women swam to a relatively dry spot further east of the campus. For three days

and three nights, mother and daughter camped atop the knoll, and constructed a makeshift cabin from branches and the battered planks of Adirondack chairs, which washed up on their shores.

By the time the floodwaters finally receded, Tamara had become somewhat feral, and insisted on remaining in the shack. Lucia, frightened by her daughter's rain-induced mania, trundled over the muddy fields to return to campus. A doctor was called up from Middlebury and a rescue party sent out a day or so later, but by then Tamara was gone. Some say she fled into the woods and lives there still, occasionally startling a Bread Loaf who chances across her path.

In memory of the missing girl, a small cross was erected on the hilltop with the inscription "Tamara K." When the shack finally crumbled in a winter nor'easter several years later, a new dormitory was built on the spot, and today still bears the misspelled name "Tamarack."

One other theory suggests that Tamarack was built on a hill to give the ladies who live there a tactical advantage during attacks and raids by the Men of Annex, but I've been unable to unearth evidence suggesting any such rivalry between the two dormitories or their denizens

Top Ten Titles To Tempt A Bread Lover

10. Baby, Knead Your Flour with My Yeast and We'll Raise a Little Loaf (CG)
9. My Bull-Friend's Back, And There's Gonna Be Trouble (PD)
8. M, You Litt. Up My Life (PD)
7. Falling in Loaf, Again (PD)
6. I Need You To Knead Me (PD)
5. Will You Still Loaf Me Tomorrow? (PD)
4. I Moose You More Today Than Yesterday (PD)
3. You Can't Hurry Lunch (the original Motown classic, redone by Phil Collins, about the agony of waiting until 12:45 to be with the object of one's desire) (TH)
2. Bring Back My Johnson to Me (C)
1. I Know You Said You Love Me, Battell Me Again (PD)



Of Mice And Crumbs:

A 100th Anniversary Tribute to John Steinbeck,
born in 1902

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Wednesday, July 10, 2002

Steinbeck On Writing:

"There is writing promoting social change, writing punishing injustice, writing in celebration of heroism, but always this base theme: Try to understand each other."

"It is strange how this goes on. The struggle to get started. Terrible. It always happens...I am afraid. Among other things, I feel I have put some things over. That the little success of mine is cheating. I don't seem to feel that any of it is any good. All cheating."

Steinbeck on Lennie:

"Lennie was a real person. He's in an insane asylum in California right now. He didn't kill a girl. He killed a ranch foreman. Got sore because the boss had fired his pal, and stuck a pitchfork right through his stomach. I hate to tell you how many times. I saw him do it" (NYTimes 1937).

Robert Burns:

"But, Mousie, thou art no thy lane,
In proving Foresight may be vain,
The best laid schemes o' mice an' men
Gang aft a-gley
An' lea'e us nought but grief an' pain
For promised joy."

Are ya listenin'? 'Cause I ain't told this to nobody before. Guys like us, that work on ranches, are the loneliest guys in the world. So we gotta unsling our bindle, jungle-up on the Mountain just a few miles south of Soledad, an' keep at it till we get a stake.

A few of us already been drinkin' at the Cup of Gold and we're all better for it:

Reginald and Juanita Cook Scholarship—Mike Irani
Beth Cubeta Scholarship—Lisa Baker
Margaret Fielders Scholarship—Anne Keller
Brent Goeres Scholarship—Polia Marinova
Larry Holland Scholarship—John Moran and Tom Sullivan
Norman Christensen Memorial Scholarship—Sarah Sawyer
John M. Kirk, Jr. Scholarship—Matt Sawyer
Charlie Orr Scholarship—Jay Crawford-Kelly
Dulcie Scott Scholarship—Maureen Sullivan
Ruth Walzer Scholarship—Heather Liske
Pauline Decker Scholarship—Jennifer Ryan Onken
Wylie and Lucy Sypher Scholarship—Anuradha Rao
Rocky Gooch Scholarship—Gary Montano
Raymond Waldron Scholarship—Rebecca Peters
Challenger Scholarship—Casey Riley
Betty Bailey Award—Emily Rinkema

Frank and Eleanor Griffiths Chair—Bruce Smith
Robert Frost Chair—Isobel Armstrong

Now, this ain't no bad thing like ya gotta go hide in the bushes for, but you forgot to **pay the printer .05 per page in the Apple Cellar** again. An' ya know what's eatin' them guys even worse? When people start printin' out multiple copies. 'Less you want to see that purty Caroline alla time suckin' *Grapes of Wrath*, print out jus' one an' take it into the copier.

Ya oughtta be settin' out for Barn 1 tonight at 8 PM (and July 17, 23, and 31) to see what alla *America and Americans* should: **Eyes On The Prize I (Parts 3 & 4)**. Val Smith's offerin' to show the films to alla us that's got the time. On the 17th, it's *Eyes (Parts 5 & 6)*, *Boycott* on the 23rd, and *Four Little Girls* on the 31st. I guess you guys really come here to work.

Grab your favorite **Frost reading**, a blanket, bug dope an' a flashlight, an' head down to the Frost Cabin tonight at 9:30. The stars will be *Burning Bright*, and we'll bring Frost to life. Some parking and van rides available.

In alla my *Travels with Charley* Orr, I ain't never seen one guy take so much trouble for other guys. That's jus' the kind he was. So signin' up for the **walk/run in Charlie Orr's honor** (this week, run Aug 3rd) is one a those things that don't take no figuring.

Maybe ever'body in the whole damn world is scared of each other. That's why educators *In Dubious Battle* with **issues of sexual orientation** at their schools oughtta be seein' what others do about it and how we can help 'em. Meet at the Bunkhouse Barn 3 at 7 tonight and also Thursday the 18th instead of Sunday nights.

We don't want no pants rabbits, so we're gonna **grab a t-shirt** instead. Order your favorite design, name the size, an' leave \$13 at the Front Desk for your official BL shirt. You only got 'til Thursday at dinnertime to sign up, 'cause that's when the order gotta be settin' out.

Gilmore's got a *Sweet Thursday* set up, once the flame of the sunset lifts from the mountaintop and dusk comes down into the valley. Remember about them rabbits? George'll be there an' he'll tell us about the rabbits an' how we can live on the fatta the lan'. 'At's 9 PM Thursday.

Don't forget there's a **Steinbeck Festival** goin' on at that little library in *The Forgotten Village* of Middlebury; check the sign outside the Library for films and discussions.

The Short Reign of Pippin IV takes a break today when Director **Jim Maddox** heads for *Tortilla Flats*, near the New Mexico campus. While he's livin' on the fatta the lan', Emily Bartels will take over. Jim's return next Tuesday will end *The Winter of Our Discontent*.

Ellen McLaughlin wrote this play, **Helen**, which played to great reviews in NYC last March, directed by Tony Kushner. See Helen, well, she got the eye. She was real purty, and she kept comin' to Troy lookin' for Curley, leas that's what she said. But the way Ellen McLaughlin tells it, she's been sittin' in a hotel room in Egypt alla this time, readin' *Once There Was a War*, watchin' CNN, waitin' for her man to return her to her myth. Ellen's *Helen*, featuring our acting ensemble and guest acclaimed actress (Obie Award for Lifetime Achievement) Kathleen Chalfant will be performed in the Theater Friday night at 7 PM.

In *The Long Valley East of Eden*, (Bristol Rt. 116 North), there's a restaurant and bunkhouse called **Mary's**. They'll be startin' their **outdoor Shakespeare Festival** Thursday night with *As You Like It*, which'll be runnin' through 7/14 and again from 7/18-21 at 8 PM. *King Lear* will go from 8/1-8/4. That Mary, well, ain't she a looloo? 453-2211 to reserve.

Because of *The Wayward Bus* system, Anna Kuperman's friend needs a **ride FROM NYC to here an' back**, sometime during the next couple of weeks. Let 'er know if there's someone gonna drive that way soon.

Congratulations to Kurt Broderson and Jay Crawford-Kelly, who both got the number and names of the "veto virgins" right (7). **Today's Question:** When *Of Mice and Men* was published, and sold for \$2.00 a copy, what other two books were on the bestseller list with it?



Coup'rumba!

While the Cat's Away...

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Thursday, July 11, 2002

Bartels Announces Discovery of Lost Clause in Battell Will: "The Mountain Is Mine," She Declares

At today's Director's Meeting, Emily Bartels asserted, "I'm in charge here." Joseph Battell, whose portrait oversees all that transpires in the Blue Parlor, was seen to raise an eyebrow. Jim Maddox was last seen being hustled into an unmarked vehicle headed for Burlington Airport.

Newsbriefs:

"Let's stop beating around the bush with the 'Bread Loaf' thing, Bartels exclaimed. "From now on, we'll just call it 'Really Big Piney.' It'll look terrific on boxers."

"Ellen has been the Big E. around here for too long. From now on, that tree-hugger will be referred to as Murgatroid."
--The ONLY

Big E.

Newsthong:

Big E. Announces Second Annual Nude Faculty Reception, to be held at the Shrunken Johnson Pond, 5 PM.

Over Andover, Bread Loaf Writing Workshop Scores

For the past fifteen years, the Andover Bread Loaf Writing Workshop, held each summer on the campus of Phillips Academy/Andover, MA, has served urban teachers from Cleveland, New York, several New Jersey cities, communities in the Boston area, Lawrence, MA, and teachers from Pakistan, India, Tanzania, and other international sites. Teachers complete a rigorous program of study, with the focus on pedagogy, practice, and their own writing lives. Bread Loaf is an active partner in this program, which is co-directed by Lou Bernieri and Hazel Lockett (both Bread Loaf graduates). The annual visit of the Andover Bread Loaf Writing Workshop is a tradition that we treasure for many reasons. A significant number of ABL teachers have come to Bread Loaf to continue their graduate education, which is extremely important to Bread Loaf. We learn from each other and support each other's work in person and on BreadNet. Please help us welcome members of the 2001 Andover Bread Loaf Writing workshop to this campus today and tomorrow. ALL ARE WELCOME to join Lou Bernieri and ABL teachers in a discussion and presentation in Barn 1 at 7:15.

Emily Undoes Ellen at Gilmore

Gilmore goes again at 9 PM tonight. Please bring a flashlight, and do not bring your own alcohol. Enjoy!

Bartels Changes T-Shirts to E-Shirts

Tonight's your **last chance** to order an official Bread Loaf t-shirt!! Please bring your \$13.00 to the Front Desk, along with your choice of size and design. The chairs will be printed in dark green ink on a green shirt, and the loaves will have a logo on the front and wondering bread on the back, in dark blue and brown on light blue.

Seidel Sides With Bartels

Big E invites us all to attend a talk with Steven Seidel, Harvard Graduate School of Education Professor and author of *Making Learning Visible* in Barn 1 at 2 PM on Friday.

Helen "A Brilliant Meditation..."

The *New York Press* called Ellen McLaughlin's *Helen*, "A brilliant meditation on myth, beauty, and the loss of history." According to NYC Joseph Papp's Public Theater's Press Release, "The legendary Helen of Troy never set foot in the city her beauty destroyed. Instead, she has spent the war and its aftermath in a hotel room in Egypt, baffled by her odd escape from history. For seventeen years, she has swatted flies and channel-surfed, searching for news of the war for which she will be blamed, waiting for her long-suffering husband to come find her and return her to her own myth. Guest-artist Kathleen Chalfant joins our Acting Ensemble to bring us *Helen* as a staged reading Friday night at 7 PM in the Theater.

Pond Petition Proves Potent: McCardell No Pond Scum

In a 30-minute meeting with Peter Newton, President John McCardell reaffirmed his support for the return of Johnson Pond. He was disappointed to learn earlier this year that it could not be rebuilt for this summer, due to the single bid of \$270,000. This price tag is the result of VT state environmental requirements, permits, construction, and landscaping expenses. He wants all Bread Loafers to know that:

1. Competitive bids have been requested and may already have started to come in.
2. He has a personal stake in the return of Johnson Pond.
3. He is confident that once the cost can be reduced to a more reasonable level, the work on Johnson Pond will be completed.

When pressed for a completion date, he stated, "Certainly not this summer, but I am very optimistic that Johnson Pond will be available for the summer of 2003." According to Peter Newton, Bread Loafers and Johnson Pond have a friend in President John McCardell.

Frisbee Switch

Out of respect for Ellen's *Helen*, the Ultimate Frisbee game has been rescheduled (just this once) to 2 PM Friday.

Big E Needs You!

Each year, the Bread Loaf community wows itself by showing what incredible and varied talent resides among us. If you'd be willing to organize our annual (Bartels) Coffeehouse, please see Jonathan Freedman or Donna Kinney, or drop them a note through Internal Mail.

Bartels Announces Gospel Choir Must Use Only Key of E

Thanks to Cheryl Broaden-Polk, there will be joyous voices raised this summer. Please see Cheryl, or drop her a note in box 2402 if you're interested in singing.

Raising Coen

The Coen Brothers' first comedy *Raising Arizona* will be the Friday night film this week. A madcap, off-beat romp, this film stars Nicholas Cage, John Goodman, and Holly Hunter in a story about a habitual hold-up artist, his correctional officer wife, and their quest for a baby and a "normal" life.

Poets Workshop Saturday

Don't forget about the Academy of American Poets Online Workshop this Saturday, from 9 AM-4:30 PM in the Library Seminar Room. The sign-up sheet is outside the Dining Hall...or see Caroline Eisner.

Chalfant Channels Virginia Woolf

Kathleen Chalfant, acclaimed actress (*Angels In America*, *Wit*, recipient of the Obie Award for Lifetime Achievement) will be performing a staged reading of a one-woman show written for her by Ellen McLaughlin. The piece is based on Virginia Woolf's *Mrs. Dalloway*, and is entitled *The Party*. Ms. Chalfant has performed the play in numerous venues across the country, including off-Broadway. Don't miss this opportunity to see one of the great actresses of our time interpret these magnificent texts. Discussion to follow. 8 PM, Saturday, in the Theater.

Jim Miller Kicks Butt

Jim Miller announces his smoking days are over. He asks that, if you see him inhaling the bonfire at Gilmore, looking longingly into the floating butts outside the library, or sneaking a sniff of Kartik's jacket, stop him, stop him, stop him before he smokes again!

Top Ten Challenge

Not that we're eavesdropping, but I'll bet we've all heard some hilarious lines spoken on the hall phones. Jot down some of the funniest (or make up your own!), and submit them to Maggie by Tuesday night next week.

Quotiddly Quiz

Congratulations to our sizzling quizzlers Jay and Kurt, who together named *Gone With the Wind* and *How to Win Friends* as topping the bestseller charts along with *Of Mice and Men*. **Today's Question:** What was the all-time bestselling children's hardcover book?

Red-Wings Resist Crafty Crow

Using repeated swoopings, stomping, cacklings, and eventually ganging up, a small community of red-winged blackbirds tenaciously fought off a crow. The crow, who was stalking small eggs, was pretending to be nonchalant. Says Big E, let's hear it for the little guy!



THE CRUMB

Tellin' It Like It Is – Since 1920

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Friday, July 12, 2002

Today's Tidbit:

Which American Nobel Laureate, when asked what books he wished he had authored, said, "*Moby Dick*, *Moll Flanders*, and *When We Were Very Young*?"

--Answer below

Dinner Menu:

Chicken Cordon
Bleu

Grilled Summer
Salad

Baked Potatoes
Cauliflower and
Baby Carrots
Broiler Cake

Weather:

Sunny and warmer
today, cloudy
with a chance of
showers
tomorrow, better
for Sunday.

Tidbit:

William
Faulkner (!!)



Sidle Up To Seidel

After lunch, Harvard School of Education Professor Steven Seidel will discuss his book, *Making Learning Visible*, at 2 PM in Barn 1. All are welcome to attend.

It Andover 'Til It's Over

There's still a chance to speak with Lawrence teachers and Andover-Bread Loaf Writing Workshop teachers from around the world. Their 15th annual visit comes to a close this afternoon.

Helen: Razing Troy

See this gem, written by Ellen McLaughlin and performed as a staged reading tonight by Cindy Rosenthal, Jonathan Fried, Miriam Laube, Brienin Bryant, Carol MacVey, and Katherine Chalfant. 7 PM, Theater.

Movie: Raising Arizona

Tonight's side-tickler in the Barn is the mad-cap comedy by the Coen Brothers, with an all-star cast, including Nicholas Cage, John Goodman, and Holly Hunter. 9 PM tonight.

Gospel: Raising Voices

If you'd like to sing out, please drop a note (written or musical) to Cheryl Broaden-Polk, who is organizing a Gospel Choir.

The Party: Raising Woolf

Virginia Woolf's *Mrs. Dalloway* short stories have been cleverly made into a one-woman show for Kathleen Chalfant by Ellen McLaughlin. Come to the Theater at 8 PM Saturday to see a fascinating interpretation of one of literature's great texts.

The Dance: Roof Raising

On Saturday night, the Barn's the place to be, while Jim Miller, John Moran, and Jonathan Freeman get jiggy with it, and get us down to getting' down. 9 PM until 1 AM.

Virtual Poetry Workshop

Everything's real enough at the American Academy of Poets Workshop to be held from 9 AM-4:30 PM Saturday in the Library Seminar Room. See Caroline Eisner for details.

Mr. Coffee Found

Thanks to Peter Horne for organizing our multi-annual Bread Loaf Coffeehouse! If you would like to help Peter organize, or you have a secret or not-so-secret talent, please see Peter or drop him a line. All you *Iliad*-chanting fire-eating ocarina-divas out there, this is your chance!

Waiting For Go Dough

Need to earn a little extra cash? Is the room and board bill coming due? Consider, PLEASE consider, waiting tables. You can sign on full-time, part-time, or as a substitute. Subs are paid in cash, and the other, even more steady and desirable positions relieve you of some or all of your room and board. Besides, you get to hang out with some of the coolest people on campus!

Mountain Theater Co. Kids

If you have 10-15 year-olds hanging around, sign them up for a terrific half-theater arts, half-rec camp experience. See Maggie Favretti for details, to let her know when you'll be involved, and to arrange transportation to the high school.

Will The M. Litt Fit?

Find out if the M. Litt might be for you at an informational meeting with Emily Bartels (remember her?) on Monday at 5 PM in the Blue Parlor. This meeting might be particularly appropriate for those seniors trying to avoid leaving the Mountain....

Strong Showing Expected

Jonathan Strong will pack the Barn for sure after dinner on Monday night, as he reads from his recent work. The material may contain references inappropriate for the younger set, but, Jonathan says, don't get your hopes up. DO get there, as the seats fill early for the 7:30 reading.

Be A Part Of The Orr Corp

Ed Brown at the Front Desk tells me we have until next Wednesday to sign up to participate in the Charlie Orr Fun Run (or walk, stroller, etc.) on August 3rd. See the Front Desk for details.

Traffic Jam For Poetry Slam

If you are interested in participating in the first ever Poetry Slam to be held on campus, please see Sarah Hunnicutt or drop her a note. If you'd like more information on what a poetry slam is, see the message posted in the CyberBarn.

Restaurant Serves Shakespeare Al Fresco

Off-campus Theater?!? Mary's Restaurant of Bristol continues its summer outdoor Shakespeare Festival with *As You Like It*, running through July 14 and again from July 18-21. *King Lear* from August 1-4. Call 453-2211 for details and reservations.

Pow-wow Wow!

Dozens of Native American dancers will be leading two days of dancing, drumming, singing, storytelling and crafts this weekend at the Shelburne Museum in South Burlington. The event draws Native Americans from all over the Northeast. Gates open at 10 AM each day, and the ceremonies begin with flutes at 11 and grand procession at noon. Admission \$5 adults, \$3 kids and seniors. Call 985-3346.

Over Here, Over There, Overheard

What would be the funniest thing to overhear on the hall phone? I'm sure there are some good ones out there....Get your Top Ten entries to Maggie by Tuesday of next week!

Bringing Muhammad to Middlebury

This Saturday evening, the Arabic School will present the Georges Lammam Ensemble at 7:30 in the Center for the Arts Concert Hall on the main Middlebury campus. The concert is free and open to the public, and will be preceded by traditional Arabic refreshments, including coffee and baklava, served at 7 PM.

This critically acclaimed ensemble performs classical and popular music from a vast repertoire of pan-Arabic music, from Egypt to the Persian Gulf. More information on the concert may be found on the Middlebury College website home page.

The Wild Moose Chase

This account is from Marty Mooney: I'm a senior, and have been hoping for just such a moment, and it happened this morning.

I rent a place off-campus in Lincoln, which is about 13 miles north if you continue up the road past Gilmore. As I was driving to school this morning, a woman driving from the other direction put her thumbs on her temples and fingers in air, in the Bullwinkle pose--I thought, what did I ever do to her? Then she told me about the moose on the road up ahead. I drove as slowly as I could, not to scare them off, and there they were. They were as big as horses, a bull and a cow, and they just stood there, close to the car at first, then wandered off into a field. They stopped again to check me out, and then moved on. Now my Bread Loaf experience is complete.

Jay Crawford-Kelly, when he's not directing the madrigals or chasing down quiz answers, has been doing a little moose-watching of his own...he saw a moose of indeterminate gender (??) near the Snow Bowl, and his wife Diane saw one near the Frost Trail on the same day.

Quotiddly Quiz

Some great guesses yesterday, from *Harry Potter* to *Goodnight Moon*, *Cat in the Hat* and *Peter Rabbit*, but the all-time winner is *The Poky Little Puppy* (1942). The laurels go to Jay Crawford-Kelly.

Today's Question: What percent of George W. Bush's appointees had served in his father's administration? Submit your answers to Maggie through Internal Mail.

Weekend Calendar:

Today:	Saturday:	Sunday:
Frisbee, 2 PM	Yoga, 7 AM	Yoga, 10 AM
Seidel, 2 PM	Poetry, 9 AM	Pow-Wow
Helen, 7 PM	The Party, 8 PM	Frisbee, 4 PM
Movie, 9 PM	Lammam, 7:30	Blue Parlor, 7:30
	Pow-Wow, 11 AM on	
	Dance, 9-1	

DIALECTIC CRUMB

Situating the Happening Between the Lines--Since 1920

Volume 83, Number 15

Monday, July 15, 2002

Today's Crumb is a theoretical thing, which asks you to consider that perennial Bread Loaf question, where does the action actually act? Read on...

Today's Tidbit:

If you could have the brain of someone you know, but remain in your own body, whose brain would you take? Why?

Today's Events:

M. Litt.
Exploration
5 PM, Blue Parlor

Jonathan Strong
7:30 PM, Barn

Dinner Menu:

Beef Steak
Bread Loaf style,
Quinoa & Fruit,
Delmonico
Potatoes,
Peas &
Mushrooms,
Carrot Cake

Weather:

40% Chance of
showers in PM,
sunny and warm
on Tuesday.

Between You and Your Future

If you're already feeling pangs of nostalgia for that rush of salivation when the bell rings, or the sunlight slanting in the meadow after dinner, or the conversations outside the Barn or Laundry, then exploring an M.Litt may be just the thing for you. You can get another degree, and, well, never have to say good-bye. Emily Bartels will meet with all those who think they might be interested in staying on (if only to find out which Adirondack chairs have the massaging fingers) at 5 PM today in the Blue Parlor.

Between Strong and The Barn

Run to the Barn after dinner tonight to get an unobstructed view of Jonathan Strong, whose reading is set to begin at 7:30. You may also wish to find one of the chairs that doesn't poke or pinch. Listener discretion advised, though Jonathan says, "it's not all THAT racy."

Between Wood and Mann

Michael Wood invites one and all to attend Luchino Visconti's *Death In Venice* (1971, a film he's showing for his class), especially if you're in the mood for "decadence, beauty, Dirk Bogarde, and Mahler." Barn 2 tonight, at 8:30 or so, after Jonathan Strong's reading.

Between BLT & The BLTN

Please come to Barn 1 Tuesday at 7 PM to continue our good work.

Surfing Between Cultures

Surfing, written and performed by Jodi Long, explores her growing up Asian American, and her career as an actress in American theater. Jodi Long appeared here in B-L's 36 *Views* in 2000, and she will open on Broadway this fall in a new production called *Flower Drum Song*. Jodi Long's performance of her work will be in the Theater on Tuesday, time to be announced.

Between You and The Audience

You've long wanted to recite poetry. You have a great singing voice. The porch strummers and hummers are ready to perform. You've played a little piano. Or bassoon. Or ocarina. Or you can juggle all three. Please see Peter Horne, a.k.a. Mr. Coffee, as he's organizing the 2002 Bread Loaf Coffeehouse.

Between The Iron and That Little White Egg

Attention Golfers: Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 4, at 10 AM. That's when the Second Annual Bread Loaf Scramble tees off. For those whose games may still be 'sunny-side-down,' rest assured that the Scramble is a casual amble, with a friendly format which emphasizes team play (and thereby relieves your Angst when you land a 'poached egg' in a sand trap). There is an entry fee of \$10 to pay for prizes. Sign up on the Bulletin Board outside the Dining Hall, and direct questions (and fees) to Tim Donahue.

Between Radha and Boston

Are many miles....If you're driving to Boston for the long weekend, leaving this Friday and returning either Sunday or Monday before lunch, please let Radha Rao know if you can give her a lift. She'll help defray expenses, of course.

Between You & What's Due Tue.

In the midst of zillions of things to do, and another bazillion things to think about doing, don't forget to get to me the Top Ten funniest things you've ever overheard on the hall phone, or those things you wished you HAD heard. By Tuesday night to Maggie, please.

Between Today's Question and Tomorrow's Answers

Believe it or not, 42% of Jr.'s appointees served under George Sr. Chalk one up for the Crumb.

Today's Question:

Correctly identify:



"Cyrano de Bergerac" The Great Go-Between

"Big-nosed hypochondriac
(Not DeGaulle-- DeBergerac)
Swordsman with a golden tongue
Lends his knack to help a young
Soldier win Roxane—a blonde
Of whom both are mighty fond.

War breaks out. The newlywed
Joins the fray and winds up dead.
Poor Roxane finds solitude
In a convent, where she'll brood
And reread her lover's prose,
Not aware it's Cyrano's.

He, the prince of cavaliers,
Visits her for fifteen years,
Gallantly dispelling gloom,
Holding high aloft his plume;
When Roxane at last gets wise
To the whole charade,
He dies.

Through the falling autumn leaves
--Can you hear?—a spirit grieves:
"Chivalry is dead and past..
Good guys always finish last."

--Maurice Sagoff



CRUMB CATCHER

If you really want to hear about it...

Volume 83, Number 16

Tuesday, July 16, 2002

Today's News:

The water pump is still being fixed, so the laundry room is still closed (probably until tomorrow). Please conserve water... shower with a friend!

Today's Events:

Senior Meeting
5 PM, Blue Parlor

BLTN
7 PM, Barn 1

Surfing DNA
8:30 PM, Theater

Discussing Sexual
Orientation
9:30, Barn 3

Dinner Menu:

Wine Scented
Lamb,
Stuffed Acorn
Squash,
Wild Mushroom
Rice
Green Beans
Blackberry Pie

Weather:

%10 chance of
shower today,
%40 chance
tomorrow (esp. if
the water pump
is fixed).

If you really want to hear about it, this is the **51st Anniversary** of that crumby novel by **J.D. Salinger**. I could get into the personal details of Salinger's life and all, but I won't because he would have two hemorrhages and that would be it. I mean it. Besides, I still can't forgive him for making old Sunny call me a crumb-bum. I hate that. Don't even talk to me about crumb-bums.

So I'm in the Dining Hall, and Alan MacVey gets up on the table to do his surfing imitation. It nearly killed me. Those theater-types, though, if you try to get them to say anything sensible about an upcoming show, they act as if you wanted to know their mother's bra size. This time, they've got this one woman, **Jodi Long**, who wrote a play about her own 150-year heritage, her life as an Asian American, and about her career as an actress in American theater. She's going to tell all about how it was in her play called **Surfing DNA**. She starts in at 8:30 in the Theater tonight. I can't stand that stuff. I'm yawning already. I'm rude, I know, but sometimes I just get going and I can't stop. Everybody's always writing their own story and then telling everybody about their secrets. I hate that.

But Jodi's really something. I mean it. I just made up that part about **Surfing DNA** being a bore. It was a sheer lie. I am the most terrific liar you ever saw in your life. It's awful. If I'm on the way to the laundry, even, and somebody asks

me where I'm going, I'm liable to say the opera. It's terrible. And once I get started, I could go on for hours if I feel like it. No kidding. *Hours*. **Jodi Long** is really terrific. She's almost as smart as old Pheobe, and roller-skate skinny. She's been on Broadway, and is starring in David Hwang's remake of *Flower Drum Song* there this fall. Last time she was here, Jodi was in *36 Views*. That was pretty good. I have to admit it.

Then there's this other guy, **Peter Horn**, who reminds me of old Ackley. With a guy like Ackley, if you looked up from your book, you were a goner. You were a goner *anyway*, but not as quick if you didn't look up right away. So I'm writing the Crumb earlier this week, and in comes Big E, all dressed as if she's going to a coronation. Hers. And she says I have to put an extra E on the end of Peter's name and all. No kidding. But old Peter had a hemorrhage, so I'm going to put extra ones in the **Coffeeeeehouse** instead. **Sign up with Peter**.

If you want to know the truth, this place is a hell of a lot better than that other school they sent me to. At that place, you couldn't even **TALK** about being gay. At least here there's a bunch of **teachers meeting tonight in Barn 3 at 9:30, or after the play, to talk about what needs to be talked about**. Really, that school was a goddamn jail run by a bunch of phonies.

I'm the only dumb one in the family. My mother is psychic, and my sister Phoebe's really smart. You never saw a kid so pretty and smart in your whole life. I certainly wouldn't mind shooting the crap with old Phoebe again. So I'm going to go to see the better halves **read on Wednesday night, 7:15 in the Barn: Jean Hanff Korelitz, Scott Elledge, and Michelle Stepto.** Pheobe loves it. These people are really smart.

So I'm over at the Theater, and the set crew is painting these pieces, at about 6 hours per piece. I mean it. You would have thought they were taking apart an Egyptian pyramid, piece by piece. I told them, if you really want to know, there's a lot of people here who might help, if you just serve them something to drink. I'd just bet it would take a lot less time. **So show up there anytime from 8-5 anyday soon and they'll show you what to paint.**

There's this bunch of ivy league phonies trying to get some **golf match** going. You probably have to wear one of those goddamn shirts that have "short" sleeves down past your elbows. They say you don't have to be good to be in this **Scramble**, but these kind of people are worse liars than I am. It's awful. Just **ask Tim Donahue.** I just bet somebody yells, "good luck." I hope not. I hope to hell not. I'd never yell, "good luck!" at anybody. It sounds terrible, when you think about it.

So now there're TWO people who need rides this weekend. You'd think it was the long weekend or something. I'm not kidding. People are leaving here like rats off a sinking ship. Talk to **Brie if you're going to or past Williamstown, MA,** and talk to **Radha Rao if you're going to Boston.**

I took my old hunting hat out of my pocket, and put it on while I walked. But when I put my hat on, I kept thinking about old Phoebe, and how she was so smart and all, and how she'd have had no trouble identifying **that tree** yesterday. I know I'm psychic, because I figured nobody on campus would even try, even though the goddamn tree is everywhere you look. There are even two dormitories named after it. So I'm not even putting a quiz question in today. You're stuck with that picture from yesterday until someone does a hell of a lot better than yesterday. Let Maggie know if you can.

Certain things should stay the way they are. You ought to be able to stick them in one of those big glass cases and just leave them alone. I know that's impossible, but it's too bad anyway. Anyway, I kept thinking as I walked, that that's what makes this place amazing. Bread Loaf is some kind of island we all wish would never change. The hard thing is that we miss everybody after we've told them things. Nobody should ever tell anybody anything. Then we wouldn't miss anybody.

Anyway, when I got in bed, I couldn't pray worth a damn. Every time I got started, I kept picturing old Sunny calling me a crumb-bum. Finally, I sat up in bed and smoked another cigarette. It tasted lousy.



THE CRUMB

Unafraid of Virginia Woolf—Since 1920

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Wednesday, July 17, 2002

Today's Tidbit:

In 1894, it cost \$3 per day to stay at the Bread Loaf Inn, described in 1885 by *The Journal of Commerce* as, "one of the most luxurious places in all the north country."

Today's Events:

Orr T-Shirt

Front Desk

Paint Your Stress Away

Theater, anytime between 8-5

Ultimate Frisbee After Dinner

Writers In Our Middst Reading

Barn, 7:15 PM

Eyes On the Prize Parts 5&6

Barn 1, 8 PM, or after the reading

Dinner Menu:

Fish Florentine
Yellow Lentils,
Tomatoes & Fennel
Rutabaga & Carrots
Wild Rice
Moose Tracks Ice Cream

Weather:

Scattered storms today (%40), partly cloudy and cool next two days.

Showers Predicted

Thanks to Leo and his crew, the water pump is back in business, and we are free to shower—alone. And there might even be some clean undies! The Laundry's open again.

Writers In Our Middst

Our faculty writers get plenty of well-deserved attention here at Bread Loaf, but let's not forget that one of each summer's favorite events is the reading presented by our faculty spouses, who are published and cherished writers in their own write. Rush to the Barn tonight for the 7:15 start time. There you will hear the work of Michele Stepto, Jean Hanff Korelitz, and Scott Elledge. Don't miss this!

Keep Your Eyes On the Prize

Val Smith invites one and all to join her class this evening at 8 PM, or after the reading, in Barn 1, to see parts 5 & 6 of *Eyes On The Prize*.

"Stroke! Stroke! Stroke!"

Studies show that the best way to relieve stress is to paint. And that's just what the Theater needs. Painting volunteers may appear at the Theater any time between 8 and 5 any day soon, and paint until your heart is content.

Sign Up Today Orr Else!

The point is, that if you want an original Orr Run T-shirt designed by Theater Artist Clinton O'Dell, today's the last day to sign up for the run shirt at the Front Desk. All participants, no matter what they're wearing (orr not) will be welcome to run, walk, saunter, or scooter the 3-mile loop to honor Charlie Orr and raise funds for the scholarship in his name (Aug. 3, 9:30 AM).

Jolly Good 'Fellers

Val Smith and Mary Pat Brady invite you to attend (with their classes) two Rockefeller-sponsored lectures, on July 18 and 26, at 8:45 AM in Barn 1. Tomorrow brings Marianne Hirsch, distinguished Professor of Comparative Literatures at Dartmouth, speaking on "Ghosts of Home: Stories of Ambivalent Return."

Toot Your Horn

See Peter (Horn, that is) to sign up to participate in the amazing and wonderful Annual Coffeehouse. You'd be surprised at the variety of talent on this campus, and anything goes, from dramatic readings to contortions. Don't hide your light under a bushel...get out there and toot it!

Break Some Eggs

When critics began calling Adlai Stevenson an "egghead," he merely opened his next speech with, "Eggheads of the world unite! We have nothing to lose but our yolks!" I haven't quite figured out why it's called the Scramble, but the friendly amble around 18 holes already has eleven participants and can still grow. See Tim Donahue if you think you might be a golfer.

Penn Center Celebrates 140

Years, that is, of being one of the pre-eminent centers for education about and preservation of the Gullah Culture of the Carolina coast and Sea Islands. Executive Director Emeritus Emory Campbell is here to tell us about the project of the Penn Center. Sunday, 4-6, Barn 1. Rockefeller Fellows are planning to meet following the presentation.

Your Gothic's Showing

This Thursday night at 7 PM in Barn 4, join Isobel Armstrong's class in a viewing of *Gothic*. It's sublime.

Making The Grade

Here's your chance to tell Bread Loaf how we're doing. Please take the time to fill out the Evaluation Forms Elaine left in your mailboxes. They're due anytime between now and the end of the summer.

Apple Cellar Peels Back Hours

Please note that, due to the long weekend, the Apple Cellar will be closing at 10 PM this Friday night instead of 12. Also, the morning hours begin at 9 AM Friday.

Moose Tracks

We're having Moose Tracks Ice Cream tonight in honor of our Mountain neighbors. Andy Goff had her Bread Loaf moment, when she observed a she-moose observing her. Andy stopped her bike to say hello, and the moose responded by wiggling her ears...forward, back, forward, back, before trotting off into the woods.

Quotiddly Quiz

It turns out that the reason no one offered an answer to the quiz question on the tree was that they thought it was too EASY! Humph. Congratulations to Chris Onken, Kurt Broderson, and Kartik Balasubramanian, who correctly identified it as a Larch, a.k.a. Tamarack. **Today's Quote:** "As he looked around him, he described not far from the road, an Inn, which to him was a star, conducting him to the portals if not the palaces of his redemption." Who? Send answers to Maggie the Crumb.

Top Ten Tops Ten

The Top Ten things you overheard on the phones went something like this:

10. "Yeh sis, this is the craziest place. Every time I say 'goneto' and 'fixin' they all bust out laughin'" (KCT)
9. "I promise ya Luther...yeh....the guy at the convenience store in Ripton says he likes watchin' the insects 'do it' " (KCT)
8. "Mr. Maddox, I promise I didn't steal all the condoms from the laundromat!" (KCT)
7. "I saw some guys in Middlebury chasin' a ball around with an athletic cup attached to the end of a broomstick!" (KCT)
6. "I don't desire such things!" (LG, KP, SR, JC)
5. (Heard at Front Desk) "No, I'm sorry, we're not THAT kind of Inn." (CG)
4. "I got yer Big Piney right here!" (prank call to Gilmore, KCT)
3. "I know she's in grad school, but she's busy waiting tables!" (CG)
2. "Well, honey, I can't really explain WHY it's called Johnson Pond, but I don't think THAT's it." (C)
1. "Suppressed Desires...yeh...a kilt, some jack boots, and a purse....ummmm....a gay highlander....c'mon honey, don't hang up...." (KCT)

Real Literature

And now, a veritable POEM, by Sue Hardin.

July 10, 2002

The Swoop of the Flock

With Apologies to Alexander Pope

What evil can from teensy creatures spring,
Who one on one no harm to one can bring?
Yet in a swarm discomfort do produce,
When weather's right conditions God lets loose.
When air is still and moisture hangs so deep
That all the bugs for blood come out and heap
Their punishments on unsuspecting scholars,
Who from the heat have loosened up their collars.
Poor Susie trying to catch some sunny rays
Upon the grass her books and papers lays,
And in the Adirondack chair she reads.
To her professors silently she pleads,
To lighten up and cancel all this work,
Her writing jobs does she propose to shirk.
Lost in these thoughts, she does not see the cloud
Of blackened flies the muggy air's allowed
To meet, in buzzing circles right beneath her chair,
Their session's point? How will they her ensnare?
Take heed, dear Sue, they aim to come aloft,
Use Raid, or Off, or Deet or Skin so Soft!
Let not rapacious flies come near your neck,
Cover yourself! With thick wool scarves bedeck
Your throat. Don't let the vermin have the upper hand.
Awake from dreams and notice your surroundings
Slap at those bugs, yea give them goodly poundings.
Alas, too late, she notices the swarm.
Their numbers clearly portend mortal harm.
She gasps and three or four are sucked,
Right down her throat. Her courage now is plucked.
Her arms she flails, her head whips to and fro,
but straight onto her ears and neck they go.
Biting at will, and blinding her with wings,
These fast and furious Satan's underlings.
Unable to fight off the fierce attack,
She wonders whence they came, these flies so black,
And gives up, seeking shelter in the Inn,
Where on her arms she'll put a layer thin
Of bug dope. Right. You silly girl. Too Late!
The damage's done. The fiends have sealed your fate.
Your neck, your legs, your arms, your feet, your ears
All parts were unprotected, and your fears
Of pain and itching now all realized.
Blast greenie lectures so idealized
Saying pesticide is not the very answer,
And that DDT is bad and causes cancer,
That bugs are fine and feed the happy swallows,
And that healthiness and great good fortune follows
Those who don't kill insects chemically.
But now, you need attention medically,
For all your welts and sores and scratchy places.
Most folks who share your problem o'er their faces
Put brown bags like lepers in the days of old,
And wrap their body parts, as from the cold.
You listeners pay heed and take this hope
You'll arm yourself with plenty of bug dope
Before you go prepare for Bruce's class
On Bread Loaf's green, inviting, new-mown grass.



The Micro Crumb

*Savoring the Satisfaction of the
Long Weekend—Since 1920*

Vol. 83, No. 18

Thursday, July 18, 2002

THURSDAY:

Weather: Showers, Mostly Cloudy

Dinner Menu: BBQ Spare Ribs, Mixed Beans & Eggplant, Sweet Potato Wedges,
Asparagus, Pecan Pie—WALK-THROUGH WEEKEND

SCHEDULE BEGINS TONIGHT

Frisbee: Special Intermediate Game (all invited) at 5 PM tonight. Quick & Fun.

Open Showing: "Gothic," Isobel Armstrong's Class. Barn 4, 7 PM. All invited.

Happy Birthday: Alex Ellsesser turns 21 today! Remember that?

Gilmore: Usual Time, usual place...9 PM. Please help pay for the beer. Thanks.

Quiz Winner: Kurt Broderson. New Question: Where on campus is yesterday's Quixotic quote located?

FRIDAY:

Weather: Partly Cloudy

Closings: Main Office (no Elaine, no Fax, no Copying)

Apple Cellar opens at 9 AM Friday and closes at 10 PM instead of 12.

No Van Run, No Bookstore, No *Crumb*.

Ride: "3 interesting women" seek ride to Montreal. Contact Andrea, box 2427.

Frisbee: Ultimate (all invited), 7 PM

Movie: *Moulin Rouge*, 9 PM, Barn

SATURDAY:

Weather: Mostly Sunny

Dance: Pajama Dance. 9-1 PM, Barn. Yup, wear yer pj's!

SUNDAY:

Yoga: No Sunday yoga this week.

Frisbee: 4 PM, Welcome Back Ultimate

Penn Center Presentation: Emory Campbell Tells All, 4-5 PM, Barn 1

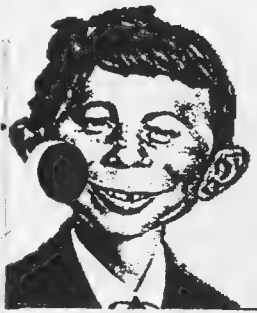
Rockefeller Meeting: 5-6 PM, Barn 1

Blue Parlor: 7:30. Sarah Hunnicutt, Jason Baeten, Charles Byrne and ?? (Your name?)

MONDAY:

Paula Vogel: Awesome playwright and Brown Prof. to speak informally at 5 PM, Barn 1

David Huddle: Our own David, reading his amazing R-rated writing, 7:30 PM, Barn



Mad Crumbs

Your _____ (noun)—Since 1920
Volume 83, Number 19 Monday, July 22, 2002

Today's Tidbit:

The words testify and testicle come from the same Latin root: to bear witness. I wonder if *they* have to swear an oath?

Today's Events:

Paula Vogel
5 PM, Barn 1

David Huddle
7:30 PM, Barn

Dinner Menu:

Baked Ham
with Cider
Glaze,
Tri-colored
Spirals with
Sun-dried
Tomato Sauce
Scalloped
Potatoes,
Steamed
Vegetables,
Pumpkin Pie

Weather

Scattered
showers
today, more
rain tomorrow

Okay, so maybe we're getting a little punchy, but just pretend you're having _____ (noun). In short, don't read this alone. For the _____ (superlative) fun, get a bunch of _____ (plural noun) together and _____ (verb)!

Well-Known Playwright Greeted with _____ (emotion)

Paula Vogel, _____ (occupation) of Brown University, Pulitzer Prize-winning play (1998, *How I Learned to Drive*) writer and teacher extraordinaire, is with us today. _____ (verb) her for open questions and answers at 5 PM in Barn 1.

David Huddle Shows His _____ (noun)

David Huddle will _____ (verb) his _____ (adjective) in the Barn tonight at 7:30. The reading is rated R.

Release Your Suppressed _____ (plural noun)

Saturday night is the Annual _____ (verb, past tense) Desires dance. This year's theme is Mardi Gras. Dress in costume, and let it all _____ (verb) out!

Rinde Eckart Presents

_____ (noun) *Odyssey*
Rinde Eckart, performance artist of worldwide _____ (word of praise), presents *Highway Odyssey, A Work In Progress* in the Barn at 7 PM on Tuesday night. Rinde will take the audience through the process of _____ (verb, ending in -ing) the work, show parts of it, and _____ (verb) to questions. The presentation should _____ (verb) for 80-90 minutes.

Runaway Camera

A week ago, a small black _____ (noun) ran off from its owner in the Barn. If you _____ (verb) this _____ (two adjectives) camera, please turn it in at the Front Desk.

Coffeehouse Set to Wow on Wednesday

Plan to grab your _____ (noun) and head over to the Barn at 9 PM Wednesday for the _____ (superlative) talent around. Good _____ (noun), too!

Local Bear Announces Plans to Storm Earthworm Manor

In front of six witnesses (Rubin de la Borbolla, Jen Fox, Jessica Corr-Bolender, Kristina Stahl, Ellen McCartney and Tanya Lee), and on more than one occasion, a large black bear has been seen "munching berries" very near Earthworm Manor.

When it stands to full height, it appears to be about 10 feet tall. Strangely, just after our _____ (adjective)

Director Jim Maddox returned from New Mexico, Emily Bartels "left campus," saying she was "going to Alaska." At about the same time, the bear _____ (verb, past tense).

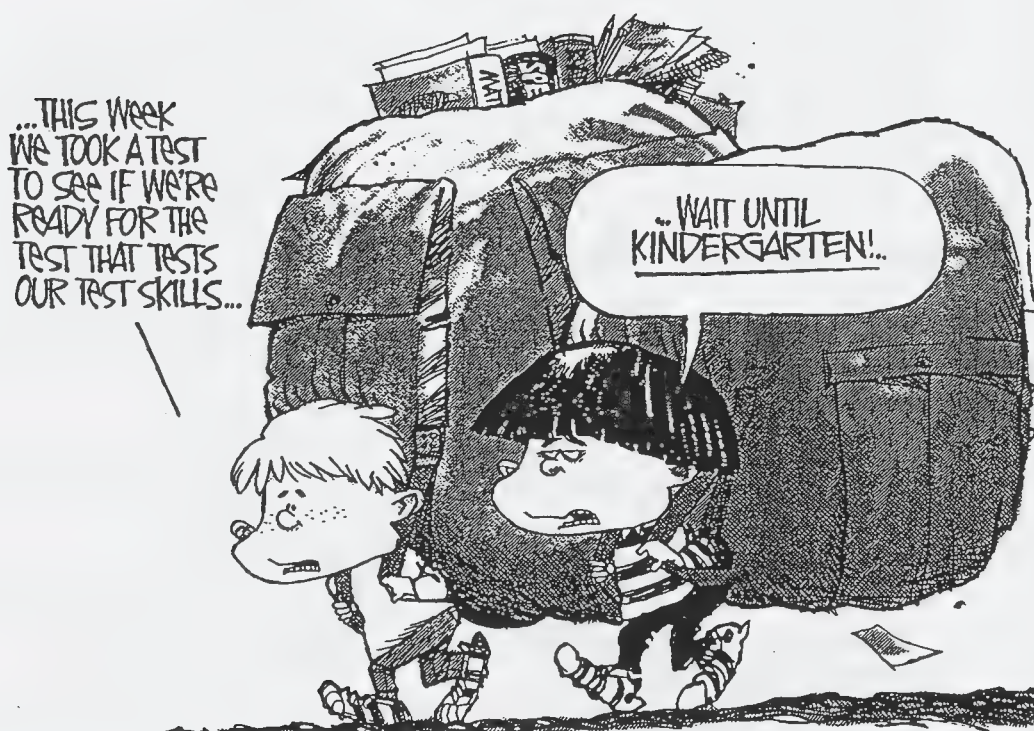
Quotiddly Quiz Heats Up

Kurt Broderson _____ (verb, past tense) ahead of Jay Crawford-Kelly today, with the correct location of the *Don Quixote* quote about the Inn...in the Lobby, on the mantelpiece. Joy MacVey _____ (verb, past tense) in with the correct response, too.

Today's Question: Do deer get Lyme disease from the ticks?

The Top Top Ten

Bread Loaf professors are famous for their wacky one-liners, especially when taken out of context. What are the Top Ten Funniest Things Your Professors Said? Quotes to Maggie by next Tuesday!





THE CRUMB

When You Really Need to Know—Since 1920

Volume 83, Number 20

Tuesday, July 23, 2002

Today's Tidbit:

Baby elephants are often tended to by young adult females, when their own mothers are "at work." This is called allomothering.

Today's Events:

Madrigal
Rehearsal
5 PM, Barn

Rinde Eckert,
7 PM, Barn

Boycott,
8 PM Barn 1

Dinner Menu:

Fisherman's
Platter,
Zucchini
Parmesan,
Roasted Red
Potatoes,
Asparagus,
Banana Cake

Weather:

Scattered
thunderstorms
today, mostly
sunny and cooler
tomorrow.

Campus Convenes Coordinating Conferences

On Wednesday and Thursday of this week, look for a number of guests and special events, as Bread Loaf hosts two special conferences. "Bread Loaf in the Cities" will bring together teachers, administrators, and community leaders from the Bread Loaf in the Cities sites to review the goals, strategies, and expected outcomes of the program funded by the Carnegie Corporation of New York. At the same time, the "Exploring the Arts Across Cultures and Communities" Conference will bring together participants to review this program, funded by the Rockefeller Foundation. The student body is welcome to attend most of the sessions, the agenda to which is posted outside the Dining Hall. Thursday night's **Keynote Address** titled "Schools For a New Society" by **Dan Fallon**, is at 7:15 in the Barn. Mr. Fallon is the Chair of the Education Division of the Carnegie Corporation of New York. All are encouraged to attend.

Rinde Eckert's Odyssey

Rinde Eckert, world-renowned performance artist, will guide you through the creation of a work, in this case, his piece called *Highway Ulysses* in the Barn at 7 PM tonight. Don't miss this!

Don't Boycott This!

Val Smith's class invites all who wish to attend their open screening of *Boycott*, directed by Clark Johnson, at 8 PM in Barn 1.

Refuse Re-use

Please remember that Vermont recycles just about everything, so the signs on top of the Blue cans are serious. Remember to save a tree!

Sexual Orientation (Continued)

With so much happening this week, plan ahead to go to this week's discussion on Thursday night at 9 in Barn 3.



Bald Eagle Seen Cruising

Sarah Rebick identified a Bald Eagle sailing above Birch and Maple the other day. Other witnesses felt that it may have been a student after a bad haircut, but Sarah is certain she saw our nation's bird.

Front Desk's Desire

The Front Desk is hosting the Suppressed Desires Dance this year, and officially declares Mardi Gras as the theme. They will provide masks at cost beginning Thursday, and are eager for volunteers to help them decorate the barn. Please let the Front Desk know if you can help!

Typhoid Deery

Jay Crawford-Kelly is back in the Quotiddly Quiz today, correctly stating that deer do not get Lyme disease. Like typhoid Mary of old, the deer "innocently" play the host to the pesky deer ticks.

Today's Question: Which official US Flag flies 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and is never raised or lowered?

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One should always be a little improbable.

Oscar Wilde (1854-1900)

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THE CRUMB

Your Rock and Hard Place—Since 1920

Volume 83, Number 21

Wednesday, July 24, 2002

Today's Tidbit:

When in doubt, keep in mind that "O gallant Piglet" is always a very thoughtful way of beginning a piece of poetry.

Today's Events: Rockefeller and Carnegie Conferences Begin

Janet Chance,
7 PM Barn A

Ultimate Frisbee,
After Dinner

Dinner Menu:

Turkey &
Stuffing,
Turkish Veg.
Stew,
Mashed Potatoes
with Vegetarian
Gravy,
Zucchini, Corn,
Pearl Onions,
Ice Cream

Weather:

True Vermont
Clear, tomorrow,
too.

Rockefeller and Carnegie Together Today

Two special Conferences convene this afternoon beginning at 3 PM. Teachers, administrators and community leaders from the "Exploring the Arts Across Cultures and Communities" (Rockefeller) and "Bread Loaf in the Cities" (Carnegie) projects will meet in a series of sessions to discuss goals, strategies, and expected outcomes of their programs. Look for guests, and check the agenda outside the Dining Hall to see if you'd like to attend any of the sessions.

Take a Chance on Janet

Tonight in Barn A at 7 PM, Janet Chance leads a dramatic arts workshop you won't want to miss. Theatre can be a powerful tool for creating connections within a community. Drawing inspiration from the work of playwrights such as Paula Vogel and Anna Deveare Smith, this workshop, titled "Celebrating Women's Lives: Using Oral History and Performance to Strengthen School Communities" will provide ideas for teaching students how to collect oral histories and how to transform these stories into an assembly for the school community. The workshop will involve a series of hands-on activities, demonstrating how to approach both story gathering and script-writing in a collaborative, creative manner. We will also discuss how materials and websites might be used effectively in different classrooms and locations.

No Eggie Like a Carnegie

The community is warmly invited to attend the Conference Keynote Address, given by the Carnegie Corporation's Education Division Chair, Dan Fallon, in the Barn Thursday night at 7:15.

Much Ado Ready To Do

You can get your tickets now at the Theater box office for The Play, which begins next week Wednesday, and runs through the weekend. You must have a ticket to get in to the show, but they are free! Box office hours: 8:30-12, M-F, or via a note addressed to Fae. Ushers are needed to guide people to their seats and deliver programs...if you usher, you get to reserve a seat! Contact Fae.

Coffeehouse Postponed

Still good to the last drop, and more perfectly aged, the Coffeehouse will take place on Monday August 5.

Teachers Get Paid?!??

For Jonathan Freedman's "Fiction and Finance" course, Alison LoBron needs people to interview about how money affects teachers' career and life decisions. [Ha!] Any teachers (be they BL students, faculty or staff) willing to talk will have Alison's everlasting thanks (and some sugary snacks.) The interviews take about 20 minutes. Please e-mail Alison LoBron on breadnet or drop her a note.

Official Bread Loaf Shirts In

No need for nakedness now...the official Bread Loaf shirts for summer 2002 have arrived. If you ordered one in advance, you may pick it up at the Bookstore. There are 50 extra of various sizes for sale, in case you've been kicking yourself for having missed the deadline. Enjoy!

Quizmeisters Over The Moon

I'm not sure how they knew this, but the only official US Flag that flies 24/7 and is never raised or lowered, is on the Moon. Congratulations to Sarah Sawyer, Jacques Lezra, Jay Crawford-Kelly (neck & neck in the lead with Kurt Broderson), and Patricia Parrish.

Today's Quote: "How lush, how loose the uninhibited squash is...." Who wrote it??

Top Ten Tools Along

A handful of terrifically funny entries for this week's Top Ten Funniest Lines Uttered By Bread Loaf Profs (in or out of context) have come in...I'm sure there are more out there! Please get your entries to Maggie by, say, tomorrow night.

Desires Unsuppressed

Those who inhabit the Front Desk will be happy to point out that they never suppress ANYTHING, especially their desire to create a Mardi Gras for Saturday night's Dance. They'd love some help setting up! Let them know. Also, masks will be available at cost starting Thursday, at the Front Desk. At the very least, prepare yourself.

The GHOST of 90% APPROVAL RATINGS PAST...





THE CRUMB

When There's Nothing Else To Read

Volume 83, Number 22

Thursday, July 25, 2002

Today's Tidbit:

The only President to be Ambassador to the UN was George H.W. Bush. Go figure.

Today's Events:

Dan Fallon,
Barn, 7:15

Sunni Patterson
& Kalamu ya
Salaam,
Barn, 8:30

Gilmore
9 PM

Dinner Menu:

Chef Tony's
Mixed Grille,
Baked Marinated
Tofu Steaks,
Spaghetti with
Red Wine
Tomato Sauce,
Broccoli &
Peppers,
Boston Cream
Pie

Weather:

Sunny today,
cool and cloudy
tomorrow

Carnegie A Good Eggie

Dan Fallon, Education Division Director of the Carnegie Corporation of New York, will be speaking tonight on "Schools for a New Society," in the Barn at 7:15. All are invited to attend.

Sunni Tonight, Cloudy Tomorrow

In a return engagement by popular demand, Sunni Patterson and Kalamu ya Salaam will be appearing tonight in a reading/performance in the Barn at 8:30. All are invited.

Conferences Continue

Don't forget to check the Bulletin Board outside the Dining Hall for times you might want to attend the Carnegie/ Bread Loaf and Rockefeller/Bread Loaf program conferences on campus now.

Gilmore Gang Grows Digits

Once lovingly referred to by one of their own as "the guys without opposable thumbs," the Gilmore men are out to prove tonight that they have more, much more, than just some dumb thumb.

Helen Escaped

The Library is trying to recover its copies of Ellen McLaughlin's play Helen, which were made available in the Library prior to the show. Please leave them (anonymously if you wish) at the Library Desk.

Stinky Cheese Man Here

The Mountain Theater Company, those hilariously precocious young adolescents you've seen around on campus, bring *The Stinky Cheese Man, And Other Fairly Stupid Tales* to life tomorrow at the High School at 3:30 PM. Turn left at the fourth light on Rt. 7 as you travel toward Middlebury.

Murder In Gosford Park

Come see the Friday night movie, for an Academy-Award-Winning English comedy thriller that will absorb your anxieties and occupy your mind. And Donna says, the Smartfood is back. Barn, 9 PM Friday.

Help Wanted

Please let Gary Montano know ASAP if you think you might be able to wait tables (he'll teach you how) during the Final Banquet on August 10. Help!

Much A-doing In the Theater

Stop by the porch and see what's in store...chat with Clinton and Rachel and Jean about the work that's gone into the set, props, and costumes. Then attend a rehearsal to see the work in progress. Or just go straight to the Box Office (M-F, 8:30-12) and pick up your (free but necessary) tickets to the show next week.

Delgadillo Not An Armored Beast

Mary Pat Brady and Val Smith would like to invite you to the second of the Rockefeller-sponsored lectures, this one by Professor Theresa Delgadillo of Notre Dame, Friday at 8:45 in Barn 1. She'll be speaking on "Borderland Narratives."

Ushers Have The Best Seats

Those who volunteer with Fae in the Box Office to usher, will be able to set their lovely bottoms down in the best seats in the house. Ushers, after all, are the only people who get to reserve their seats for The Play.

Wacky Wildlife Wonders

A young bull moose approached Andy Goff, who wisely kept still until he wandered away...a large black bear was spotted by Carita Gardiner near the Lincoln Road in Ripton (well, Emily Beartels WAS making her way back to the Mountain yesterday), and a skunk, devoid of stink juice, bit a man and his dogs yesterday near Burlington. Wow.

Group Photos Are Best Yet

Stop by the Front Desk to check out the Group Photos you posed for earlier this summer. They're adorable (!!!), and for a small fee, can be yours. See Edward.

Riding is Better Than Dancing Her Way North

Choreographer and Swing Dance Master Beth Harris is looking for a ride north to Portland, Maine, ideally, but at least to Montpelier, either Friday or Saturday. Please let Beth know if you can help.

Crumb Wins Book Award

Local (MUHS) student Alexander R. Crumb was named the winner of the St. Michael's College Book Award for community service. The influence of the Crumb is not bounded by the Mountain, you see.

Last Chance For Top Ten

While it's true that the entries of Funniest Lines Uttered by Bread Loaf Profs are making up for their numerical shortcomings with great humor, a Top Ten sounds better than Top Five. How about until tonight?? Send entries to Maggie, please.

Robert Francis' Randy Veggies

Congrats to all who correctly identified the author of the amazing sensual squash lines: Barbra Kwan, Jay Crawford-Kelly, Kurt Broderson, and Chris Onken.

Today's Question: How many states have only one representative in the House?





THE CRUMUDGEON

Bread Loaf: No Radio, No TV, No Nothin'—Since 1920

Volume 83, Number 23 already

Friday (such as it is)

Today's Tidbit:

May I be
excused? My
head is full.

--Larson

Today's Events:

Stinky Cheese...
3:30 PM
High School

Ultimate Frisbee,
4 PM

Gosford Park,
9 PM, Barn

Dinner Menu:

Same as
yesterday's
menu we didn't
actually eat, but
now there's fish,
too. Strawberry
Shortcake for
dessert

Weather:

Being fine today
doesn't Mean
Anything. It
may hail a good
deal tomorrow—
blizzards and
whatnot.

Responsive as ever to the mood on the mountain, today's Crumb is as it would be if it were written in some of our worst moments... missing home, papers to write, another damned email response to do, group presentations to work out, too many fun things to do for which there is no time, and now, the weather's turning bad again.

Stinky Cheese Served

They say it'll be hilarious, just side-splittingly funny, but then the promises are coming from kids. You know what they're like. They're cute now, but then they grow up. And Mountain Theater Co. can't even have their play nearby. Oh, noooo, they have to have their performance downtown (Left at 4th light on Rt. 7 as you head toward town), and at 3:30 in the afternoon on a Friday. Sheesh.

Not Those Barn Chairs Again

As if we could romanticize this place, what with earwigs in our washcloths, mice in the bureau, humidity so thick that you can chew the air, and homework again. NOW we have to find a way to fit both cheeks into a Barn chair for Gosford Park tonight at 9 without getting jabbed, bruised, or otherwise invaded by those aggressive springs...they really should rename this flick Gooseford Park.

Even Frisbee Changes

Frisbee's at 4 tonight instead of 7. Think you can count on anything except tofu steaks around here?

Yoga In Your OWN Bed

Just when I began to think how ridiculous it was to get up at 7 AM and stagger over to Barn 1 just to fall asleep again on the floor, Amy changed the time. Thank heavens. Now Saturday morning yoga is at 10, like the Sunday one.

Photo Phantasy

So you were always the last one picked. So you keep telling people the "L" on your forehead is really for "Lucky." Now you'll be able to show your friends and family your latest accomplishment...getting into the group photos at Bread Loaf. Sign up to get yours at the Front Desk.

Much Ado About NOTHING

And that's about what you'll get, if you don't remember to pick up your free tickets at the Box Office M-F 8:30-12. In fact, with your luck, they're probably out of the ones for the night you wanted to go. And you can't even reserve seats unless you ush, so you'll probably end up with the seat that gets sun-glare.

And Now, This...

Okay, you've got way too much to do. Laundry lurks steaming in the corner of your room, coffee mugs from the Dining Hall stick together under your bed, you haven't called your kids in a week, BUT, you keep saying, any minute now I'll have the time to take care of the little things. Well, you'll just have to wait a little longer, because Galway Kinnell, prize-winning poet and Poet Laureate of Vermont will be here on Monday, reading poetry in the Barn at 7:30.

Some Alums

Some of these people just can't take a hint. What do they think a diploma is supposed to mean?? It means, Go Away. Why else would they show you the freakin' walking stick? Five years at Bread Loaf and some people still can't interpret symbols. Hell-loo...but seriously, we are lucky there are some alumni who just can't stay away. They come back as staff, faculty, BLTN staff, M. Litt candidates, musicians, choreographers, and accomplished leaders like Larissa Vigue, who is now the Assoc. Program Director of the Vermont Humanities Council. She'll be here on Monday at 5 PM in Barn 1 to discuss the Fall Conference, called "Star-Crossed and Moonstruck Lovers" (focusing on Midsummer and Romeo & Juliet, not Cher & Nicholas Cage). Take my advice. Don't ever believe in love. I mean, we've learned by now about all that other fairy tale stuff, right? Remember when you found out that the tooth fairy was actually your mother? (This was especially painful for Oedipus.) Take it from Shakespeare. Either love makes a total ass out of you, or you wind up dead.

Suppress. Please. Suppress.

Okay, ask yourself. Why do we do this every year? Do we really need an excuse for grown men and women around here to indulge their transvestite and transvegetative fantasies? I mean, if some guy wanted to slip into his fishnets, or you wanted to impersonate a Turkish Bean Stew, would we object? On Saturday night, there will be all these otherwise respectable people acting in such an abominable fashion, that their own mothers would be shocked. I hear that the VT Liquor Inspector will be there, dressed as Lascivious Carrie Nation. So just suppress, please. It's easier for all of us to bear.

Just Help The Waiters, Already

Please. See Gary if you can help Aug. 10 for the Final Banquet.

Softball Sunday

That's it. No name, no time attached to the note ...so I guess you can play whenever you want, but not at 4, when Ultimate takes over the field. Unless you want to play Frisbee-Softball, or Ultimate with bats.

Quotiddly Quiz

As certain as death and taxes, the quiz strikes again. Congratulations to Kurt Broderson, and Patricia Parrish for naming all seven of the states with just one Rep. in the House.

Today's Question: Who said, when he was informed of his selection as Vice-Presidential candidate, "I guess I'll have to take it."

This Top Ten Nails Eeyore's Tail

Sometimes, even classes can be fun. Here's Ten reasons why:

10. "The best thing about the president who shall remain nameless is that every time he gets on TV to assure us about the economy, the stock market takes another dive." --Freedman
9. "Materials needed: 5 reefers." --Bruce Smith
8. "Why are we having this conversation?" --Smith
7. "My mother once asked me, 'You mean to tell me that you want to tell lies to strangers in the dark for MONEY?'" --Oskar Eustis
6. "If a parrot appears in a work of fiction, RUN!"
--Steven Donadio
5. "I attend two kinds of parties: parties after which I have a speaking engagement and therefore can't drink any beer, and parties after which I have NO speaking engagement."
--Jim Maddox
- 4a. "One should not be ashamed of desire."
- 4b. "'It can not be conceived that the number of priests screwing their parishioners is accurate.'"
- 4c. "To the victor, the potatoes!" --Michael Wood
3. "Sometimes the truth needs a little help."
--Paul Muldoon
2. "No, no, please go on, I was hoping somebody would interrupt me." --Michael Armstrong
1. "The best writing leaves you totally naked."
--David Huddle
1. "Don't you remember doing the nipple twist as kids?" --Dare Clubb
1. "Mymymymymymymy. What **will** you do with all of this when you get home?" --Dixie



THE CRUMB

You Don't Need An Address When You Live In Your Head

Volume 83, Number 24

Monday, July 29, 2002

Today's Tidbit:

"Disciplina
praesidium
civitatis" is the
motto for the
University of
Texas:
"Education, the
defense of the
state."

Today's Events:

VT Humanities
Does
Shakespeare
5 PM, Barn 1

Galway Kinnell
7:15 Barn

Dinner Menu:

Maco Shark
Beans, Greens
and Artichokes
Arborio Risotto
Butternut Squash
Cherry Pie

Weather:

Pretty much just
like this
tomorrow, too.

Blackberry Eater Reads

The entire community is encouraged to join Galway Kinnell, Pulitzer Prize (1983) Winning Poet Laureate of Vermont, as he reads some of his best work. Stop by the Bookstore and pick up a copy of his book, and then hurry over to the Barn for the 7:15 start!

Lovers, Star-Crossed and Moonstruck

Vermont educators and any other interested parties are invited to attend a session at 5 PM in Barn 1 today, for a preview of the fall conference on *Midsummer* and *Romeo & Juliet*. Larissa Vigue of the Vermont Humanities Council (BL '01) and Emily Bartels will present.

Why's It Called A "Box Office?"

They can't give you a box, and they won't box your packages or your ears, but they DO want you to stop by to get your free but necessary tickets for *Much Ado About Nothing*, which begins Wednesday and runs through Sunday.

BLTN Barn Bash

The last meeting of all of the BLTN fellows will be in the Barn at 7:15 on Tuesday. The National Writers Project Rural Institute and Vermont NWP will join us.

Seniors Plan To Celebrate

There are a few chores to be done before the fun is won...on Tuesday, seniors meet in the Blue Parlor at 5 PM. By Friday, Victoria must have your Graduation Banquet sign-ups and money. Also sign up with Victoria for Croutons-provided childcare during graduation activities.

A Little Bit o' Home

So you're working long hours reading dense texts and writing denser papers, and the smell of baking cookies comes wafting into your room. Can it be? Has someone actually taken the time to help you relax with a cuddly study break of cookies and milk? Come to the Blue Parlor tonight for a study break at 10 PM. Pajamas welcome.

Armstrong Takes Tour

Yes, Mr. Armstrong has once again claimed victory in the *Tour De France*, mastering the field with a final lead of over seven minutes. So in case you were wondering why Michael has been walking a little stiffly of late, and popping in and out of campus activities, it's because he's been, well, back in the saddle again.

Chess, Anyone?

Is there anybody out there who'd like to relax with a little game of chess? Gabe Lezra would love it if you'd drop him a note through Susanne Wofford's mailbox.

Bread Loafers Gallop in Goshen

Over 13 Bread Loafers participated in the infamously hilly 10K race called the "Goshen Gallop" yesterday, some for their first ever 10K. All put in a great show. Special congratulations to Eleanor Bard, 2nd of all women, and Tim Donohue, overall wiener.

It's Not Too Late To Wait

Never waited tables before, but willing to help out with the Graduation Banquet? Never fear, Gary and Trixie will teach you everything you need to know. If you'll be around on August 10, please let Gary know. Chris Merrill will pay you! (seriously...he needs a sub...badly....)

Size Matters

If you have an adult XXL Bread Loaf Chairs shirt you'd be willing to exchange for an XL, please let Donna Kinney know.

Quotiddly Editor Wins One

No one identified that father-of-all curmudgeons Calvin Coolidge (Vermont's own) who said, when notified of his appointment as Vice-Presidential candidate, >sigh< "I guess I'll have to take it." Chalk one up for the Crumb.

Today's Question: A dog's name appears in only one Shakespeare play. Name the play and the dog.

Blackberry Eating

I love to go out in late September among the fat, overripe, icy-black blackberries to eat blackberries for breakfast, the stalks are very prickly, a penalty they earn for knowing the black art of blackberry-making; and as I stand among them lifting the stalks to my mouth, the ripest berries fall almost unbidden to my tongue, as words sometimes do, certain peculiar words like strengths or squinched, many-lettered, one-syllabled lumps which I squeeze, squinch open, and splurge well in the silent, startled, icy, black language of blackberry-eating in late September.

--Galway Kinnell

Parting is Such Sweet Sorrow...

SO, When Did You Say You Were Leaving?

Please drop this form by the Front Desk, so they can plan for graduation housing. We considered a tent village in the meadow, but decided that our grannies might prefer rooms.

NAME: _____

Room/House: _____

Planned Day and Time of
Departure: _____

I have a roommate: Yes No

I desperately want a roommate...anyone'll do...

I had a roommate but I buried him in the meadow...



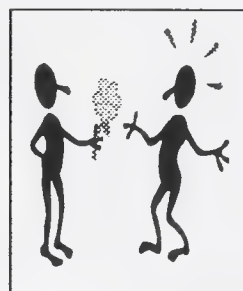
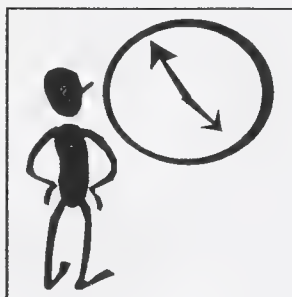
A LITTLE CRUMB O'

KINDNESS

A Guide To Our Inner Selves—Since 1920

Volume 83, Number 25

Tuesday, July 30, 2002



Today's Tidbit:

"Kindness is the golden chain by which society is bound together."

—Goethe

Today's Events:

Madrigals
5 PM, Barn

BLTN & NWP
7:15 PM, Barn

Sexual Orientation
9 PM, Barn 4

Milk & Cookies
10 PM, Blue Parlor

Dinner Menu:

Lamb Roast
Spanikopita
Penne Pasta
Yellow Cake

Weather:

Improving! 50%
chance of showers
today, 0%
tomorrow.

BLTN Bans Blahs

Tonight, in the Barn at 7:15, the BLTN Fellows will be joined by the National Writers Project Rural Institute and VT National Writers Project, for the 2002 BLTN summer finale.

Much Ado Will Do It For You

Beginning tomorrow and running through Sunday night, the Acting Ensemble and your classmates (and Pheobel!) bring to you: *The Play*. *Much Ado* will have you laughing, crying, squawking "NO, don't DO it," hissing, dancing, and more. It is, in sum, the best medicine for anything that ails you. And the tickets are FREE! Stop by the Box Office (M-F 8:30-12) to pick yours up. If you'd like to usher, you can even reserve your seats!

Kinnell Cast A Spell

Thank you, Paul, for bringing the magical Galway Kinnell to us. Wow.

Seniors Set Free Today

No need to meet today! Instead, an informal social gathering fits the mood best. Please don't forget to sign up for your Graduation Banquet tickets and childcare with Victoria at the Front Desk by Friday.

Shed The Blues Tonight

Last night's 10 PM Blue Parlor Milk & Cookies Study Break was such a success (thank you Jonathan and Donna for thinking it up!), that we're going to do it again tonight. Come as you are.

You Don't Have To Leave

Elaine offers the soothing Reapplication Forms this week, to help ease the pain of parting. There will be informational meetings about the other campuses beginning Friday with Alaska, and continuing into next week. Check the Crumb for details. Elaine also can accommodate transcript requests.

Really, You Don't Have To Go

The Apple Cellar has a way for you to become permanently part of the Bread Loaf community, even when your body has to be somewhere else. Please pick up the latest instructions for Breadnet, check the lost and found, and pay for your printing this summer as you pass through the Apple Cellar.

Let's Talk It Through

The final meeting of the open discussion group on sexual orientation is tonight at 9 PM in Barn 4. If ever there was an opportunity for kindness, it is to our students who are struggling with their sexual identity. If you have questions or concerns about this and related issues in your community, you are invited to attend this last important talk.

Rub Out Your Troubles

When you find yourself walking around with your shoulders around your ears and your jaws clenched, it's time to head over to Cornwall Clinic and sign up for a massage. There's a new opportunity there this weekend, from 9-5 on Saturday and Sunday. Nanci Newton and Deb Augusto return for their third annual rescue massage mission, offering one-hour sessions for \$45. Sign up outside the clinic, and feel your tension melt away.

Lookin' Out For The Other Guy

Charlie Orr exemplified the high-spirited kind of caring for others that Bread Loaf is famous for. The t-shirts are in, and there's a few extra at the Front Desk, if you'd still like to buy one in preparation for the event. All are welcome, t-shirted or not, to participate in Saturday morning's fun run. More details later.

Looking Forward

There's a lot to look forward to this summer. Keep your eyes open for an itinerant massage therapist, offering chair massages for FREE. There's the Fun Run, the Coffeehouse, the Scramble, more Gilmore, the Play, and many more ways to celebrate the final days of fun and frolic.

You Can't Lose This One

Submissions are being taken for the second annual Joseph Battell Award in Bad Fiction. Submissions should be bad. Truly and utterly bad. And should be submitted to the mailbox of Kartik Balasubramanian (just 'Kartik' should do, but not 'kar-TIQUE'), being around three pages or so. Deadline is Monday 5 August at 5pm (Battell Standard Time). Winner(s) (Loser(s)?) will be read at the final Gilmore.

Offering A Helping Hand Helps

All are welcome to advertise here and in the CyberBarn for rides and other end-of-the-summer assistance. Crystal Land needs a ride to Burlington Airport early afternoon Wednesday, 8/7, with a big box and a bike. Heidi Rubin needs a ride to the Airport on Thursday, 8/8 at 4 AM. She's willing to pay for your sleep loss. Charles Byrne needs a ride to NYC on Sunday, 8/11, anytime.

Lookin' Out For The Other Dog

Please contact Mary Pat Brady if you'd be willing to dog-sit for the weekend, Thursday afternoon through Sunday afternoon. They have a neat place in Ripton, with free laundry and satellite TV. Call 388-1928.

Speaking of Dogs

Once again, the Crumb learns from the Quiz. Thanks to Jay Crawford-Kelly, who pointed out that not only does Launce in *The Two Gentlemen of Verona* have a dog named Crab (congrats to Kurt Broderson, Jon F., and Roberta Harold who named Crab), but Lear bemoans the fact that even his lap-dogs Tray, Blanch, and Sweet-heart have turned against him.

Today's Question: Who said, "Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness. Kindness in giving creates love."?

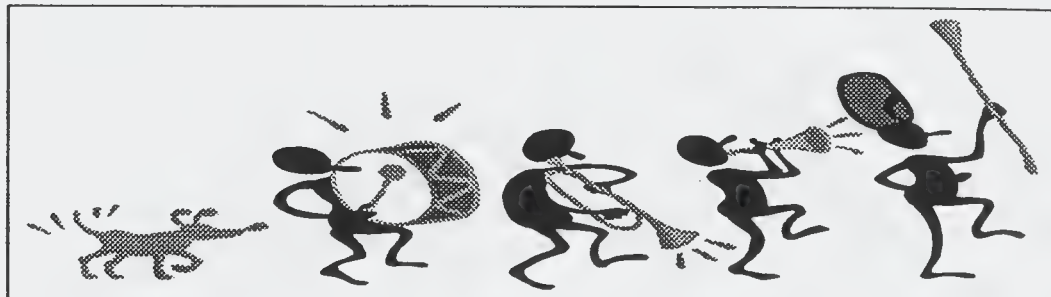


THE CRUMB

Making Much Ado About The Mountain—Since 1920

Volume 83, Number 26

Opening Night, July 31, 2002



Today's Tidbit:

Miguel Cervantes and William Shakespeare died on the same day, April 23, 1616, eleven days apart. How is this possible?

Today's Events:

Madrigal Singers

7:30, East Lawn

Much Ado

8 PM, Theater

Frisbee

After Dinner

Four Little Girls

8 PM, Barn 1

Dinner Menu:

Shrimp Chow Mein
Tempeh with Peanut
Sauce

Wild Rice

Cookies n' Cream

Ice Cream

Weather:

Mostly sunny and warm today and tomorrow.

Tidbit Answer:

Spain had already adopted the Gregorian calendar, but Great Britain remained on the Julian until 1752.

Much Ado About Nothing

Strike up the band, it's opening night! Featuring our Acting Ensemble and student actors, directed by Alan MacVey, choreographed by Beth Harris, musicked by Mark Wright and the BLOB (Bread Loaf Orthophonic Band), and with a guest appearance by the lovely Pheobe, the Theater opens *Much Ado About Nothing* at 8 PM in the Theater tonight. The Madrigals, led by the genius quizmaster Jay Crawford-Kelly, will introduce the evening's activities, with a performance on the East Lawn at 7:30. You are welcome to come hear the Madrigals even if you are not able to attend the play tonight. There are a (very) few tickets still available for Saturday and Sunday performances of the play. Please observe that when performances are underway, candles are lit on the walk between the Theater and Library. That's our gentle signal to traverse quietly.

Much Ado at Croutons

The Annual Croutons Amazingly Cute Kids Doing Incredible Things Circus will be held at the Ripton Elementary School (take a right across from the Ripton General Store) at 4:30 today. Come one, come all, but don't be late because it doesn't last very long!

Much Ado About Seniors

Seniors, please don't forget to sign up for Graduation Banquet Tickets and Childcare (if needed) with Victoria at the Front Desk by Friday. Elaine will accommodate transcript requests.

Much Ado About Alaska

If you've ever been to the Alaska campus, or you think you might be interested in going, please come to an informational experience-sharing meeting hosted by Emily Bartels and Lucy Maddox in Barn 1 at 5 PM on Friday. Re-Application forms for ALL campuses are available in the office.

Much Ado About Love

Jeni Hankins wishes her beloved John a Happy Third Anniversary. Many happy returns of the day to you both!

Much Ado About Dan

Dan Robb, organically-grown Bread Loaf Mountain author, will share the story of his terrific book (I know, I've read it) *Crossing The Water*, about his experiences teaching in the Penikese Island School. There will be slides and the possibility of a book-signing, too. 5 PM Thursday, Barn 1.

Much Ado About Charlie

Your Charlie Orr T-shirts are available to pick up at the Front Desk. There are a few left to be purchased, to help raise money for the Charlie Orr Fellowship. You are welcome to participate in the Orr Fun Run on Saturday morning, no matter what you're wearing. In fact, you don't even have to run. Just appear at Johnson Pond at 9:30 AM, ready to go the distance.

Much Ado About Spike

Val Smith invites the community to join her class for a showing in Barn 1 at 8 PM tonight of Spike Lee's *Four Little Girls*.

Much Ado About Rides

Don't forget to also check the ride board in Breadnet Conferences, and CyberBarn, and please tell me when to remove your posting here.

To Burlington Airport: early 8/7 afternoon with box and bike, Crystal Land; Katie Scott will share ride or taxi also 8/7 afternoon; 4 AM 8/8, Heidi Rubin's paying.

To Boston: Villy (from Bulgaria) will share costs to get her to Logan Airport by 4 PM 8/8.

To NYC: Charles Byrne, anytime 8/11.

Much Massage Ado

Check out the sign-up sheets at Cornwall Clinic for a visit to our regular massage therapists, and look out for the guest appearances of Nanci Newton and Deb Augusto, who will be making their third special visit here Saturday and Sunday, 9-5. They charge \$45 per hour. Just signing up for an appointment is relaxing.

Much Ado About Bad Fiction

Gilmore offers for the second year, a prize for the worst writing on the Mountain, naturally titled the Joseph Battell Award for Bad Fiction. Submissions should be hermetically sealed to protect the readers from the reek of rotten rhetoric, and submitted carefully to Kartik by Monday at 5... PM, that is. Kartik is not awake at 5 AM.

Much Ado About Waitstaff

We all know that the waitstaff is terrific...what we may not know is that, due to a shortage in their numbers this summer, most of them have gotten only one day off from their schedule the whole time. Gary and Trixie have had to work extra hard just to make sure that there are enough servers at every meal. There are a few ways we can say thank you. One is to say "Thank You." Additionally, please remember to tip the waiters at the end of the term, and generously. A third thing we can do is celebrate the waiters on Monday at the Senior-Faculty Wait night, when the Waitstaff gets to sit at the Faculty table and get, well, treated like the royalty they are. Enjoy. And don't forget to tip! Tip money may be left either with Gary and Trixie or at the Front Desk.

Much Ado About Leaving

Since some of us actually have to leave early to begin teaching next week (YIKES!!), Elaine asks that all students please remember to fill out Evaluation Forms before you leave, and asks you to please return your id card to the Front Desk. The id cards will be used again to save on resources. Elaine can accommodate transcript requests, too. Victoria (Front Desk) asks that you please remember to fill out a Departure Date Form, so she knows when rooms might be available for Graduation Housing. Also, remember to swing by the Apple Cellar to check the lost and found, pay for your printing, and pick up the latest Breadnet guide.

Much Ado About Milk & Cookies

By popular demand, the 10 PM Blue Parlor Shed The Blues Study Break will continue tonight. You can come by even if you haven't started studying yet.

The Quotiddly Quiz

Cheers to Jay Crawford-Kelly, who correctly identified the author of the kindness quote as Lao-Tzu, founder of the Daoist Way of thought.

Today's Question: What do William Shakespeare, Telly Savalas, and Ingrid Bergman all have in common?

The Kiddie Krumb

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Thursday, August 1, 2002

Today's Tidbit: What texts earn the most references in Bartlett's Quotations, the Bible or Shakespeare? (Answer below)

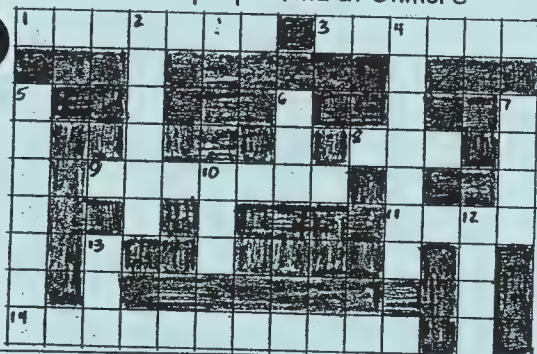
Menu Crossword

Across

1. Poultry served "cacciatore-style"
3. Another BL campus, over there
8. Goshen Gallop Winner
11. What some find at Bread Loaf
14. High-calorie pie made with phallic fruit

Down

2. The Juan Valdez beverage
4. Italian soup with pasta & beans
5. BL writer and alum presenting at 5 PM
6. A BLer for whom a 5K Fun Run is named
8. Theater Manager and Box Office "sensation"
10. What the Princess slept on
12. Tells which way the wind blows
13. What most people find at Gilmore

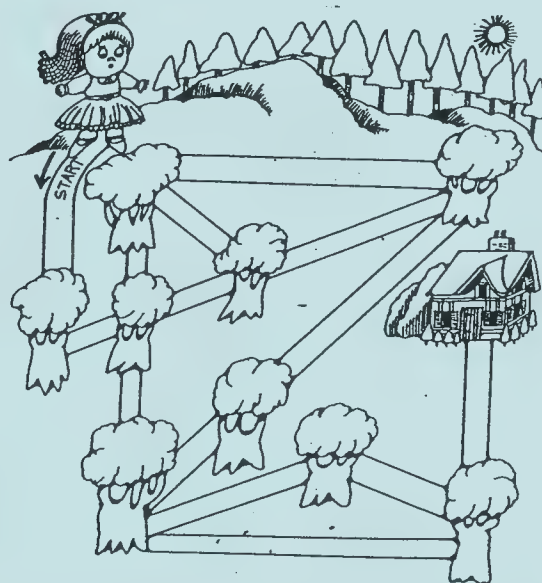


TRICKY TRANSPORTATION

Katie Scott needs to get to Burlington Airport in the afternoon on August 7, Heidi Rubin needs a ride there at 4 AM on the 8th, and Angie needs a ride there (or, alternately, to Jersey City) on the 8th also. Villy needs a ride to Boston on the 8th (leaving in the morning). Charles Byrne needs a ride to NYC anytime on 8/11. Sabine Schlieben and Christina Eckenroth just want a round trip to Burlington this weekend. How many drivers will be needed?

A-mazing Gilmore

Ellen is planning to go to Gilmore tonight at 9 PM. She must follow the path to get there. She must touch each tree, but she can touch them only once (only ONCE, Ellen!)—she cannot go back to any tree again. Can you help her find her way to Treman? When Ellen gets there, she will find that the standard pre-reading fare will begin at 9 PM, and the Main Event itself will delay until the conclusion of this evening's performance of *Much Ado About Nothing*. At around 11 PM, Gilmore will be proud to present a new work by Gil Shakespeare, entitled *Not Much Ado Up Here*. Hear what the critics say: Dare Clubb calls it "dramatically indefensible." Oskar Eustis says, "It has the dramaturgical vision of an evil clown at a 4-year-old's birthday party." Alan MacVey raves, "When I find out who's responsible, hell's coming with me." Please come up and see for yourself just what all the excitement is about. Starring Margaret Marx as Beatrice, Michael McGarty as Benedick, Josh Frechette as Hero, Dan Robb as Don John, and Dan Marano as Friar Francis. Directed by Carol MacVey. Admission is free, or best offer.

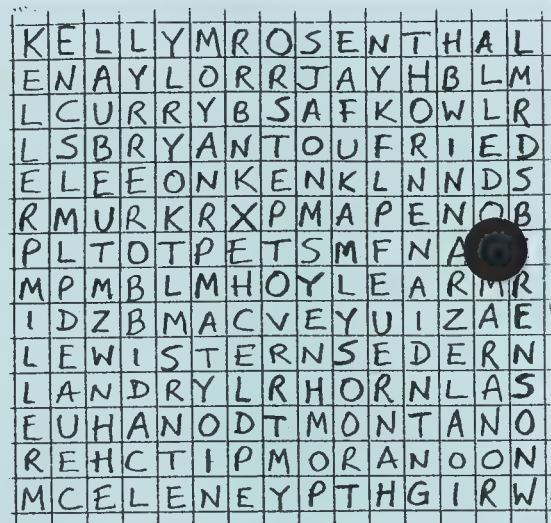


Tidbit Answer: Shakespeare: 1,960 Bible: 1,591

Wacky Word Search

Find the **names** (in bold) of these cast and crew members of *Much Ado* fame. My apologies to those whose names just didn't fit in the game.

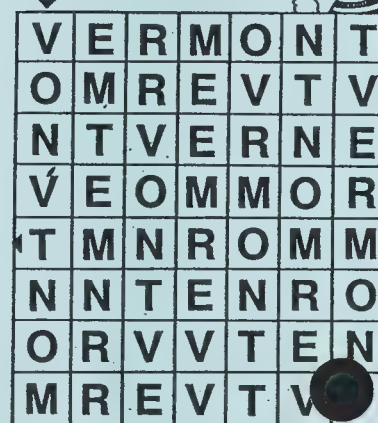
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| Leonato=Baron Kelly | Director=Alan MacVey |
| Hero=Brienen Bryant | Set Design=Michael McGarty |
| Beatrice=Miriam Laube | Costume Design=Ellen McCartney |
| Antonio=Robert Stepto | Lighting Design=Bryon Winn |
| Margaret=Cindy Rosenthal | Technical Dir.=Heath Hansum |
| Ursula=Michelle Stepto | Stage Manager=Amy Stern |
| Don Pedro=Brian McEleney | Properties=Rachel Carlson |
| Count Claudio=Stephen Thorne | Master Electrician=Jon Hoyle |
| Sr. Benedick=Jonathan Fried | Master Carpenter=Guerry Hood |
| Balthasar & Dogberry=Stephen Berenson | Costume Shop Manager= |
| Don John=Dan Robb | Jean Newkirk |
| Borachio=Kurt Feuer | Scenic Artist=Clinton O'Dell |
| Conrade=Marcia Pitcher | Theater Manager=Faye Christensen |
| Verges=Tim Donahue | Head Draper=Tanya Lee |
| Seacoal=Gary Montano | First Hand Stitcher=Karen Murk |
| Oatcake=Bernie Safko | Choreographer=Beth Harris |
| Watchman=Jim Miller | BLOB=Ben Landry , Chris Onken , |
| Sexton & Friar=Dan Marano | Pete Horn , Jay & Diane |
| Girl=Pheobe Lewis | Crawford-Kelly, Gabe Lezra , |
| Theater Assistants=Nic Naylor , | and Mark Wright |
| Anne Keller , Jaren Curry , and Joy MacVey | |



LETTER MAZE

Vermont produces maple sugar.

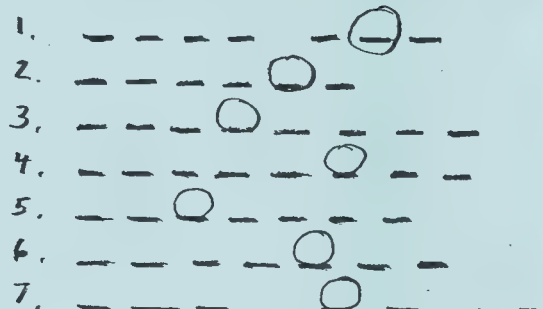
Go through the letters V.E.R.M.O.N.T. over and over to find the way out.



Anagram

Complete the following anagram to discover the name of the BL author who will tell the story of his book, *Crossing The Water*, today at 5 PM in Barn 1.

- Title of The Play, short version, which we should tiptoe past
- Secluded lake with big log
- Clinic and Massage Therapy Center
- Person to whom you need to submit Departure Forms
- Favorite game of the Theater Tech Crew
- Popular game played on the Big Field
- Gathering Place (two words)



Look-Alike Trees

Ellen wanders into the forest. She sees many trees, but only 2 are alike. Find the matching pair of trees.





HO-HUM CRUMB

More News; Less Style—Since 1920

Volume 83, Number 27

Friday, August 2, 2002

Today's Tidbit:

Which earned more money at auction, Mark McGwire's 70th home run ball, or the original manuscript of *Jane Eyre*?
(answer below)

Today's Events:

Ultimate Frisbee
4 PM

Alaska Info Mtg.
5 PM, Barn 1

Madrigal Singers
7:30 PM
East Lawn

Much Ado
8 PM

Dinner Menu:

Pork Chops &
Apple Sauce,
Tomato/Cuke Salad
Eggplant &
Mushroom Pasticcio
Chocolate Jelly Roll

Weather:

Scattered
thundershowers,
mostly sunny &
hot tomorrow.

Tidbit Answer:

Jane Eyre: \$62,000
Ball:
\$3,005,000

Much Ado Makes Magic

The Play continues tonight, with a performance by the Madrigals to begin at 7:30 PM on the East Lawn, followed at 8 PM by the Play. *Much Ado* is in its third night of playing to a packed house. The audiences, alternately gripping sides with laughter and gripping lips with horror, return for more. Please tread quietly when you see the candles lit.

"I don't know, Alaska"

All those who have been to the Alaska campus, and all those who'd like to know more about it, are invited to attend the Alaska Informational Meeting today at 5 PM in Barn 1. The New Mexico meeting will be on Monday, and the Oxford meeting on Tuesday.

Frisbee Fest at Four Friday

That's it. Come and play.

Gil Gathers Guffaws

Gil Shakespeare's *Not Much Ado Up Here* will go down as one of Bread Loaf's "great memories." Raucously funny, well-played by all, even Mother Nature expressed her appreciation by working up an Aurora Borealis at about 1 AM.

Gil Gathers Bad Fiction

Don't forget that Monday at 5 PM is the deadline for passing your perfectly pathetic prose to Kartik. The 2nd Annual Joseph Battell Bad Fiction Award will be presented at Gilmore next week.

Love's Labors Lost

Three people have lost important items. Radha Rao misplaced her inspiration journal. Tracy Olson lost her black day planner. And anonymous lost a black Marmot fleece. So, if you see an uninspired Radha, an aimless Tracy, and a naked Marmot, please help them out by turning these items in to the Front Desk.

Departure Depositions Due

To Elaine: Transcript Requests, Evaluation Forms, Re-Application Forms.

To Front Desk: Departure Forms, ID cards, Tips for waitstaff and cleaning staff, Senior requests for child care and Banquet Tickets

Apple Cellar: New Breadnet instructions, lost & found, pay the printer

Wildlife Wows

Lisa Erickson saw a MOUNTAIN LION while she was running in the woods. It growled at her, but she did not growl back. Instead, she decided not to run in the woods anymore, and to stick to route 125, where it's safe. Which is where she met Jim Maddox's bear, the very next day!

Tee'd Off Teens

After the play on Saturday night, come to the Barn to vent some of your teen-like steam at *Fast Times At Ridgemont High*, a classic of tremendous literary and cinematic value.

Orr T's On For Fun Run

Put on your Charlie Orr shirt, and head out to Johnson Pond on Saturday morning by 9:30, for the Annual 5K Fun Run. It doesn't matter what you wear or even if you run, just be there.

Scramble T's Off Sunday

Pairings are listed on the Bulletin Board, the tee-time is set for 10, so be ready for fun at the 2nd Annual Bread Loaf Scramble on Sunday.

Rides In Stride

The following people need rides at the end of the term. They are all willing to share expenses (or share a taxi). Please let me know if you've found a ride, and don't hesitate to use the Cyberbarn, and RIDES conference, too.

To Burlington Airport:

8/7 Katie Scott, afternoon

8/8 Heidi Rubin, 4 AM

8/8 Eder, 11 AM

8/8 Angie (will also take a ride to Jersey City)

To Boston:

8/8 Villy, leave AM

To Manchester, NH:

8/7 Jim Miller, leave after 11 AM

To NYC:

8/11 Charles Byrne

Weekend Calendar

Saturday:

Charlie Orr, 9:30 AM

Yoga, 10 AM

Madrigals, 7:30 PM

Much Ado, 8 PM

Movie, 10:45 PM or so

Massage, 9-5

Sunday:

Scramble, 10 AM

Yoga, 10 AM

Frisbee, 4 PM

Madrigals, 7:30 PM

Much Ado, 8 PM

Massage, 9-5

A Peek At Next Week

Monday:

New Mexico Mtg.

Bad Fiction Deadline

Sr.- Faculty Wait Night

Poetry Class Reading

Coffeehouse

Bookstore Sale Begins

Tuesday:

Oxford Mtg.

Fiction Class Rdg.

Oprah, with Jean

Wednesday:

Mtn. Theater Co. Play, *How To Eat Like a Child*

Midsummer Night's Dream

Senior Reception

Farewell Banquet

Acting Class Performances

At some point: Annual Slide Show

Gilmore As Always on Thursday

A waitstaff tip of \$30 amounts to 33 cents per waited meal.

DUE TODAY!!

Painful But Necessary Good-Bye Info for the Front Desk:

Please fill out, tear off, and hand in this form to the Front Desk, so they can plan for your champagne send-off and for graduation housing. We considered a large tent village in the meadow for our relatives, but decided that the coyotes might carry off our grannies. Please don't forget this little task!

NAME : _____

Room/House : _____

Planned Day of Departure: _____

I have a roommate: Yes No



The Crumaddox

The Cat Is Back

Volume 83, Number 27

Monday, August 5, 2002

Today's Tidbit:

Jim Maddox honed his organizational and leadership skills as President of the Junior Class at Henry Grady High School, in Atlanta, GA. Who knew?

Today's Events:

**Bad Fiction
Deadline**
5 PM, Kartik

**New Mexico Info
Meeting**
5 PM, Barn 1

**Senior/Faculty
Wait Night**
Dining Hall

**Muldoon Poetry
Class Reading**
7:30, Barn

Coffeehouse
Barn, after reading

Dinner Menu:
Beef Stew
Eggplant Parmigian
Penne Pasta
Broccoli & Carrots
Dirt Cake

Weather:
Scattered
thunderstorms
today, cool and
partly cloudy
tomorrow.

Director Returns, Directly

When the Cat's away, the mice will play, as the saying goes. But the Cat is back, and Miss Rule (the Big E) seems strangely, well, quiet today. And the big black bear suit has gone missing again....

Bad Fiction Takes A Turn For The Worse

There is little that can top the literary qualities of the man after whom this prize is named, but we try anyway. Remember that today is the last to deliver your drooping drivel to Kartik. Winners of the 2nd Annual Joseph Battell Bad Fiction Award will be read at Gilmore (yes, there IS more Gilmore) on Thursday night.

Direction: Southwest

Anyone who has attended the New Mexico Campus, or who is interested in attending it, is invited to an informational meeting at 5 PM today in Barn 1. Oxford meets Tuesday.

Muldoon Directs Poetry Reading

Paul Muldoon and his Poetry Writing Class invite the community to a reading of their work, tonight at 7:30 in the Barn.

Bookstore Drops Prices

Head for the Bookstore to claim those items that were just a little bit too much. Prices of most items are down this week by 20%.

Good To The Last Drop

Coffeehouse 2002: A Green Mountain Companion presents an evening of frivolity, friendship, and phantasmagorical talent, beginning after the poetry readings finish in the Barn. Probably around 8:45.

Good Eggs In Scramble

Congratulations to Katie Forrestal, Jonathan Freeman, and Mike Irani, who were the winning team at the 2nd Annual Bread Loaf Scramble, held at the Middlebury College Golf Course yesterday. Jonathan also won "best drive" honors, and Matt Sawyer earned the "closest to the pin" award. Everyone had a wonderful time.

Thanks To The Director

Thanks to Alan MacVey for bringing us an absolutely terrific run of *Much Ado About Nothing*. It was, in fact, everything. Actors and Crew deserve equal thanks. Wow.

Orr In Good Time

Charlie Orr was honored in fine fashion on Saturday, as over 40 people turned out to run or walk in celebration of his memory. Tim Donahue and Ana Silva were the fastest runners; Lucy Maddox and Emily Bartels the fastest walkers. Congratulations to all.

Secret Faculty Choristers Rehearse Right After Coffeehouse Tonight

Huddle Directs Fiction Reading

David Huddle's Fiction Writing Workshop invites the community to a reading of their work, to be held at 7:30 on Tuesday, in the Barn. Charles Byrne, John Campbell, John Copenhaver, Katie Forrestal, Rebecca Freeman, Carita Gardiner, Mel Graham, Amy Hamilton, David Huddle (!), Tim Horvath, Sarah Hunnicutt, Daniel Marano, Chris Onken, and Matt Sawyer have sworn to read for no more than four minutes apiece.

Apple Cellar Directions

Special hours this week:

Thur: 8:30-12:30, 2-5:30, and 7-9PM

Fri: 9-12 AM, and 2-5 PM

Sat: 9-12 AM

Notice that the hours are shrinking after Wednesday, so don't forget to stop by to pick up new Breadnet instructions, pay for your printing, and check the lost & found, too.

Banquet Directions

If you are planning to be around for the Graduation Banquet, and are not a guest at a Senior's table, please sign up to wait tables. If you really can't do that, don't forget to see Victoria at the Front Desk for a ticket to eat.

Check Out These Directions

Don't forget:

Re-Application and Transcript request forms may be picked up outside Elaine's Office.

Return them to her, along with your Evaluation Forms before you leave.

Tips for Waitstaff and Cleaning Staff may be left at the Front Desk. Please tip as much as you can afford.

Rides In All Directions:

Offered: To Burlington, with Kelly Robinson, by 10 AM Thursday, 8/8.

To Burlington Airport:

8/7 Katie Scott, afternoon

8/8 Heidi Rubin, 4 AM; Eder, 11 AM; Angie (will also take a ride to Jersey City)

To Boston: 8/8 Villy, leave AM

8/11 Polia Marinova, leave AM (or to Burlington by 10 to get a bus to Boston)

To Manchester, NH: Jim Miller, after 11, 8/7

Bread Loaf Oprah

Did you miss Dorothy Muldoon and Jean Korelitz on the Oprah Winfrey Show in May? Sure you did! But fear not, Jean will show the videotape on Tuesday night after dinner, at 7:00 (before David Huddle's class reading) in Barn A. Special cameo appearances by Paul Muldoon and Asher Muldoon! Pucci attire optional! Duration: approximately ten minutes.

Bruce Smith Directs Local Rescue

Out for a short hike up to Silver Lake, Bruce and his partner came upon a well-dressed, well-heeled woman, who said demurely, "help." She explained that her 77-year-old uncle had fallen off of the Cliffs (Rattlesnake Cliffs above Lake Dunmore), she believed he had a broken leg and was bleeding from the head, and she wondered "what do you think we should do?" Bruce and his partner directed her to stay and talk to him, while they ran down to get a rescue squad. The rescue squad, while enthusiastic, was woefully out of shape, so Bruce ended up lugging the equipment up the steep trail, discovering that the woman was no longer there, searching for and finding the downed man, and performing the preliminary rescue steps. When Bruce returned to the bottom, he found the woman, who calmly said that she left her uncle because she felt help was on its way. Hm. Meanwhile, who needs a phone booth and a blue suit when we've got Bruce?

Howl, Howl, Howl?

Deborah Barry saw a most unusual performance of *King Lear* at Mary's Restaurant in Bristol last night...after a long new psychology introduction about parenting being more than just good nutrition, punctuated by singing happy birthday to members of the small but obviously loyal audience, a hush fell. And fell.... In fact, no one said anything for the whole play. There were only four people in the cast, a shortcoming made up for by stapling long underwear to a pillow with a name written on it...Deborah said, "even after weeks of Alan's class, I still couldn't quite figure it out."

Today's Quiz: Who is this man?





THE CRUMB

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Tuesday, August 6, 2002

Today's Tidbit:

"God gave a loaf to every bird—
But just a Crumb—to Me—."
--Emily Dickinson

Today's Events:

Frisbee, 4:30
Oxford Meeting
5 PM, Barn 1
Senior Meeting
5 PM, Blue Parlor
Madrigals
5 PM, Barn
Oprah Muldoon
7 PM, Barn A
Fiction Reading
7:30, Barn
Time Regained
8:30 PM, Barn 3
Mark Wright's New Orleans
c. 8:45, Barn
Secret Choir
Rehearsal
10 PM

Dinner Menu:

Chicken Breast Diane
Tofu Broccoli Divan
Couscous & Veggies
Red Velvet Cake

Weather:

Chilly for a few days, and partly cloudy.

Wednesday:

12 Mtn. Theater Show
3 Midsummer
5 Senior Shrimp
6 Closing Banquet
7:30 Acting Scenes
8:30, 10:30 Slideshow

Thursday:

Gilmore

Friday:

Senior "Prom"

Saturday: IT

Read This Carefully! There may be a test on it tomorrow.

Students Set Sights On Satellite Sites

The last of the off-site campus informational sessions is today at 5 PM in Barn 1, where you can mind-travel to Oxford. Students interested in attending ANY campus next year are reminded to fill out the reapplication forms available outside the Bread Loaf Office.

Their Motto: Fiction Is Truth

And the truth must be told! Come to the Barn tonight at 7:30 to hear David Huddle's Good Fiction Writing Workshop in a reading of their work. Charles Byrne, John Campbell, John Copenhaver, Katie Forrestal, Rebecca Freeman, Carita Gardiner, Mel Graham, Amy Hamilton, David Huddle (!), Tim Horvath, Sarah Hunnicutt, Daniel Marano, Chris Onken, and Matt Sawyer have sworn to read for no more than four minutes apiece.

Seniors Shrink From Earthworm; Shrimp at Treman

Director Jim Maddox invites all seniors to the Annual Earthworm Shrimp & Champagne Farewell Reception, to be held this year at Treman (5 PM Wednesday), where we can gather around the fire and earth-warm our toes. Today, seniors will meet at 5 PM in the Blue Parlor.

New New Orleans Views

Join together in the Barn after the Fiction reading tonight, as Mark Wright takes us on a journey through his New Orleans...30 years of playing with jazz greats, in slides, stories, and song.

Film Fiasco Infuriates Freedman

Several films are missing from the class shelf for Jonathan Freedman's Hollywood class. If you have *Chinatown*, or any other film, please get it back NOW.

Frisbee Fest Set For 4:30

Today. You can also join in when (if) you get out of class.

It's All A Dream

And maybe Jim Maddox is Oberon and Emily Puck? Come and see Alan MacVey's class do a script-in-hand presentation of *Midsummer Night's Dream* Wednesday afternoon beginning at 3 PM. They'll start at the little white house near Barn A, and continue in the glen behind it. The community is welcome to attend some or all of the play.

Acting Workshop Makes A Scene

Actually, several scenes. They'll begin at 7:45 in Barn A on Wednesday. Everyone is welcome to see all or some or one of the scenes.

1. **The Road to Mecca** by Athol Fugard.....Trixie Sabundayo and Radha Rao
2. **Gingham Dog** by Landford Wilson.....LaShay Jones and Marty Andrews
3. **Antigone** by Jean AnouilhDanielle Amico and Sarah Hobson
4. **Zoo Story** by Edward AlbeeScott Elledge and Nick Naylor
5. **Tongue of a Bird** by Ellen McLoughlinApril Rivers and Kelly Kopcial
6. **Top Girls** by Caryl Churchill ...Clare MacKenzie and Maren Dingfelder

How To Eat Like A Child

The Mountain Theater Company presents their second comedy of the summer, at noon on Wednesday, at the High School auditorium (Left at 4th light as you enter Middlebury on Rt. 7). If *The Stinky Cheese Man* was any indicator, this should be a hoot.

Farewell Fare

Come one and all to the official closing of the 2002 summer session at a Banquet tomorrow night at 6 PM in the Dining Hall. Jim will speak on this summer past and offer parting words for those leaving the mountain, while Emily makes rabbit ears behind his head. There may be frolicsome appearances by random bands and roving choirs. Students not on the meal plan may get tickets at the Front Desk.

Slide Show Celebrates Summer

Expectations surrounding Ed Brown's Annual Slide Show and Nostalgia Adventure are higher than New Orleans at Mardi Gras, for sure. Come see for yourself why this Bread Loaf tradition both tickles the funny bone and tugs the heart-strings. Ed offers two showings this summer: Wednesday at 8:30 and 10:30 PM, in the Barn.

Ante-Commencement Anti-Prom

Seniors and students remaining on campus through Commencement weekend are reminded of Friday night's Senior Anti-Prom, the final dance of the 2002 summer session. You don't have to have a date, and there are no corsages or limousines. All are invited to attend the celebration, which take place in the Barn from 9 PM until 1 AM-ish.

Summer Sale Season Started

The crowds at the Book Store have died down somewhat after Dan and Kalli were besieged by bargain-hunters Monday morning for the start of the Summer Sale. Most of what's left can be yours for 20% off through the end of the week. The Bookstore closes for the summer at 11:30 on Friday. **Seniors may pick up and pay for caps & gowns tomorrow through Friday morning.**

Identity Crisis Requires Cards

The College believes that every summer, you should take on a new identity. For that reason, they are collecting all of our ID cards (faculty and staff included!), so that they can switch them around and give us new identities next year. But seriously, please return your id to the Front Desk, so you can get it back next year.

Banquet Basics

Students who will be on campus for the Commencement Banquet but who do not have seats reserved for them by a member of the senior class need to speak with Victoria at the Front Desk in order to reserve a space at the meal. **Be ye warned:** if you do not speak with Victoria, you will not be attending the banquet. Also, **substitute waiters are still much in demand** for the Commencement Banquet; if you can help out by assuming one of these paid positions, please speak with Trixie or Gary ASAP.

Final Formalities

1. Bread Loafers are reminded to turn in their **evaluation & reapplication forms** prior to leaving campus this week.
2. Also, please be sure to check around your room and study spaces one last time for books which should be returned to the library. **Overdue fines** which are small at summer's end can grow quite large as the regular school year progresses.
3. Students **shipping** books, computers, and other such items home via UPS are reminded that packages will be accepted **Wednesday and Thursday mornings only**. Check with Ed immediately (i.e. today) if you anticipate problems.
4. Wednesday afternoon's **van run** to Middlebury will be the last of the session. Please schedule your late-week travels accordingly.
5. Don't forget to return your **room keys and ID cards** to the Front Desk.
6. **Tips for Waitstaff & Cleaning staff** may be left at the Front Desk.
7. Final Check-out is Sunday at 11 AM at the latest.

Apples Ripe In Cellar

Special hours this week:

Thur: 8:30-12:30, 2-5:30, and 7-9PM

Fri: 9-12 AM, and 2-5 PM

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Ride Provider

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To Boston: 8/8 Villy and Pringle, leave AM

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Quotiddly: Yes, Jay got the obvious...a youthfully winsome picture of Jim Maddox.

Last Stinky Thinky: "Whose job is it to place the wee drop of water in every salad bowl?"

The Cybercrumb's Summer Crumb Laude!

Bread Loaf Vermont Final Exam

Version 83: 29 or 30

Wednesday, August 7, 2002

Today's Tidbit:

"Exeunt—pursued by bear." --WS

Today's Events:

Mtn. Theater Show

12:30 PM

Midsummer ND

3, White House

Senior Shrimp

5, Treman

Farewell Banquet

6, Dining Hall

Acting Scenes

7:30, Barn A

Slide Show

8:30 & 10:30, Barn

Banquet Menu:

Fresh Fruit Salad Roast Duck with Raspberry Chipotle Pepper Sauce

Broccoli, Spinach & Black Bean Turnovers, Wild Rice

Peas & Pearl Onions

Apple Pie with Ice Cream

2. Students who do not return their **library** _____ will suffer the glare of _____ from Chris and risk accruing overdue _____ into the fall.
3. **Students remaining on campus** who do not yet have reserved _____ for the Senior Banquet risk eating _____ that night if they don't talk to Victoria at the Front Desk soon.
4. **Seniors should pick up and pay for their caps** and _____ in the Bookstore by Friday morning or risk being _____ at Commencement on Saturday.
5. Beginning with breakfast tomorrow, **meals in the dining hall** will be walk-throughs until Saturday's banquet, so expect to have to _____ your own _____ and _____ your own _____ when you're _____.
6. Help Anna Kuperman _____ her beloved raggedy **red sweater**.

Last Middlebury Van Writing (15 Points)

The last scheduled van to Middlebury will run tomorrow at the usual time; sign up at the Front Desk. Having received advance notice of the van run's imminent demise, compose an elegy in the Keatsian style to the van and/or the trip downtown. Extra credit to those who can incorporate "Mister Up's," "Cree-Mee," or "Shop 'till you drop" into their chosen meter.

Departure Data

Place an "R" next to all tasks that are required prior to your departure. Place an "O" next to tasks that are optional. Place a "P" next to tasks that, however desirable, are prohibited.

- ___ Complete appropriate Office forms
(especially transcript request, reapplication & evaluation)
- ___ Disassemble Adirondack chair; stash in trunk
- ___ Take last few pictures of Bread Loaf for memories
- ___ Take portrait of Joseph Battell home to hang over your fireplace
- ___ Return ID Cards to Front Desk
- ___ Attend Farewell Banquet tonight
- ___ Search amazon.com for *Ellen*
- ___ Purchase books at 20% off sale; ask professors to sign copies
- ___ Pay for all the printing you've done in the Lab
- ___ Take that last chilly skinny dip in Lake Pleiad

Weather: Glowering

Writing the 2002 Crumb has been a Mountain of fun. **Special thanks** to previous Crumbsters Hugh Coyle and Jonathan Freeman for their generous inspiration and, on some occasions, their words. Thanks to the Bread Loaf community on the Mountain and in the Cyber Barn, for their confidence in me, and unfailing support. I hope no one was countig typtos!

The Final Exam

Graduation marching order and readmission to Bread Loaf in summers to come is based on students' scores on the following final exam. Don't let your eyes wander, use only a number 2 pencil, and don't forget to write your name at the top of each page you submit.

Geography (1 point each)

Identify the location of the following using an "O" for Office, "F" for Front Desk, "D" for Dining Hall, "B" for Barn, and "T" for Treman.

Transcript request forms ____

Farewell Banquet at 6 tonight ____

Senior Reception at 5 today, Shrimp & Champagne ____

Housekeeping/Waitstaff tip drop-off ____

Lost and found items ____

UPS shipping station (Wed/Thur am only) ____

Senior Banquet reservation list ____

Readmission forms ____

Candy dish donations ____

School photo pick-ups ____

Friday night's Anti-prom Dance ____

Slide Show at 8:30 and 10:30 ____

Return ID Cards ____

Senior Reception Computation

(5 Points)

Seniors are invited to meet at Treman today, for a pre-graduation reception. Based on an average cost of \$8.99/lb for shrimp and \$17/bottle for champagne, calculate the amount of food you would need to ingest to offset the accumulated cost of five years of Bread Loaf tuition.

Fill in the Blanks (2 points each)

1. Chris Brady sells terrific **homemade maple** _____ in the Library today.

- ___Go to the Slide Show, 8:30 and 10 PM tonight, Barn
- ___Pull packed car up to red pumps near Barn; honk horn; ask Leo to "fill 'er up"
- ___Tip the waitstaff and housekeepers generously
- ___Explain why that last paper isn't in yet
- ___Attend Bad Fiction Gilmore Thursday night
- ___Offer to wait tables at the Graduation Banquet
- ___Attend Acting Workshop Scenes, Barn A, 7:30 tonight
- ___Dress as Puck and insert yourself into the performance of *Midsummer Night's Dream*, today at 3, starting at the little white house near the Barn

Identification (10 Points)

Identify the hyphenated name of the genius quizmaster, madrigal leader, BLOB player, scholar, teacher, and all-around good guy.

J C -K

Word Problem (20 Points)

Bread Loaf's Computer Center will be open for regular hours today, but tomorrow will be open from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM, 2-5:30, and 7-9 PM Eastern Standard Time (EST). On Friday the computer room will be open from 9:00 AM-12 PM and 2:00-5 PM, and on Saturday from 9 AM - 12 PM only. After that, it won't be open at all. Devise a workable schedule for finishing late coursework. Don't forget to factor in time for checking e-mail, downloading BreadNet software, paying your printing debts, purchasing Snapple and a pair of Ding-Dongs for a study break, and surfing the Web for hot deals on travel to Vermont next summer.

Extra credit: Determine to the nearest whole number the quantity of poor souls who will be working on papers after classes have ended.

A Gift From the Past

Top 10 Signs You're Suffering from Bread Loaf Withdrawal by Bread Loaf 2000

13. You salivate whenever you hear a bell ring. (MOA, WOC)
12. You quote Stephen Greenblatt to friends in the grocery store. (WOT)
11. You buy a tiny mailbox that can't be opened. (JT)
10. You tell your students to "stay grounded in the text" and "signpost your arguments." They have no clue what that means either. (MOA)
9. You talk to your cats about post-colonial literary theory. (JT)
8. You deconstruct the message on your answering machine. (EH)

7. You start making Top Ten lists of your own. (AF, AMMO)
6. You buy *Heart of Darkness* on tape and play it backwards ("!rorroh ehT !rorroh ehT"). (JT)
5. You accuse your kid of cultural hegemony when she dresses her Barbies all the same. (CG)
4. You sit down at your dining room table and wait for food that no longer appears automatically. (AMMO, WOC)
3. You bring earwigs *into* your bathroom to grace the walls. (JE)
2. Can't stop looking for moose in downtown Cincinnati. (AMMO, WOT, WOC)
1. You propose marriage to a pine tree. (JT)

A Gift From Lisa Erickson

An Imitation of Phillis Wheatley's "A Farewell to America"

A Farewell to Bread Loaf

I

Goodbye, Ripton's inspiring reads,
Goodbye, the flowering hills:
I leave thine appeal, O summer,
And tempt life's cheaper thrills.

II

In vain for me the workload rises,
And boasts its trying test,
While here beneath the bright sunrises
I mourn for needed rest.

III

Celestial muse of creation,
O let me feel thy reign!
I long for your innovation,
Thy waning fictions sustain.

IV

Kiska mourns, nor can I allow
To see the downcast eyes,
Or mark the pitiful bow-wow
At sad departure's good-byes;

V

Not unregarding can I sight
His soul with affliction;
But let no whines, no cries alight,

Steal from his affection.

VI

In vain the ducks quack-quack, bummer,
In vain the berries ripen,
On the breast of my last summer
Dress in their bright complexion,

VII

While for vacation's distant shore
We climb the curvy hill,
And with desirous eyes explore
The anticipation we fill.

VIII

Lo! Health appears! Respite resounds!
Triumphant and so proud,
With Gabriel's horn freedom sounds,
With revelry so loud.

IX

To mark the plain where repose lies
With relaxation crowned,
Which reveals the day's highs,
Where promise does abound,

X

Why, July, moves thy days so slow?
So slow thy next full moon?
Give us next month to merrily show,
Thou glorious date so soon!

XI

For thee, graduation, I resign
Bread Loaf's smiling fields;
To view again her charms divine,
What joy the prospect yields!

XII

But halt! Temptation hence away,
With all thy fatal strain

Nor once persuade my soul away,
By thine seducing brain.

XIII

Thrice happy they, who commence
To recover balance,
And fell Temptation so intense
Fades by its ignorance!

- Lisa Jacob Erickson

Have a terrific year!!